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Agawam School Committee Split On High School Library Funding

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At Tuesday night's school budget workshop, School Committee members narrowly turned down a bid to add \$10,000 to the amount of money requested by the High School principal to purchase library books, magazines, audio, and visual resources.

At the second of three workshops called to review the \$22.9 million proposed by Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso, the School Committee gave unanimous tentative approval to the budgets presented for the Junior High School; computer science programs at the Middle School, Junior High, and High School; and the line items cost center.

Tentative approval was also given to the budget submitted by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski in a 5-2 vote. School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Pettazzoni, and members Linda Galarneau, Roberta Doering and Rosemary Sandlin voted in favor; voting against were School Committee Secretary Teresa Kozloski and member Louis Massoia, Jr. Mrs. Kozloski said she did not support the High

School budget because the library funding was "not adequate at all," especially in light of the accreditation report.

Citing sections of the 1988 and 1998 AHS accreditation reports critical of the overall operation of the library/media center program, Mrs. Kozloski touched off a debate on the adequacy of the \$13,200 requested for library books and materials in bringing the volume per pupil ratio closer to ALA standards, and in providing the students with sufficient resources for researching the types of assignments tied to the state curriculum frameworks.

Zabielski said there is a good faith effort underway at the High School to improve the library and steps are already being taken to address the recommendations of the accreditation reports. However, Zabielski said he believes that assessing the needs of the library and developing a plan to improve services will be better accomplished by waiting until a library/media specialist is hired for the upcoming school year.

"With new personnel coming on board, I think it

is wise to sit down with them and analyze the situation," Zabielski said. "But, if I can get more money for the library, it would help with the things that weren't done in 1988 and in 1998. That would be fine with me. It would only make the library better."

A motion to increase the High School library materials account by \$10,000 put forth by Mrs. Kozloski and seconded by Mrs. Sandlin was defeated in a 4-3 vote, with Johnson casting the deciding vote.

Mrs. Kozloski said the amount of money in the original request was not enough to "get us out of the dark area we are in," adding that the committee would be doing a disservice to next year's High School students by waiting for the expertise of a new librarian before providing additional money for library materials.

Adequate Books For Research

Mrs. Sandlin said, "This is a deterioration of the

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library that has taken place over many years. My second is to have adequate supplies of books for students to do the research they need."

Joining Johnson in opposing Mrs. Kozloski's motion were Mrs. Pettazzoni, Mrs. Galarneau, and Louis Massia, Jr. Voting in favor were Mrs. Doering, Mrs. Sandlin, and Mrs. Kozloski.

After gaining assurances from Zabielski that the new librarian would be following the recommendations of the accreditation team, Mrs. Pettazzoni said she would support Zabielski's original recommendation on library funding.

Mrs. Galarneau said it was commendable to want to increase library funding, noting that everyone agreed the library needs to be updated, but concern over the funding source (the salary reserve account) cited by Mrs. Kozloski for the increase prevented her from supporting the motion.

Reiterating Town Councilor Robert Young's objection to supporting a proposal that lacks any supporting information or any specific spending plan, Johnson said, "I don't identify a problem and then throw a bucket of money at it without a plan...I have a little more stewardship of the taxpayers' money than that."

Mrs. Sandlin denied "throwing money" at the problem, saying the money was needed at the library.

Town Councilor Jill Simpson said she favored the increase for funds at the High School library and would be prepared to fully support the request. However, Mrs. Simpson questioned why "nobody jumped in to increase the Junior High library account," adding that the students at the Junior High needed research material as much as the High School students.

Council Vice-President Robert Magovern and Young said they had met with Zabielski in advance of Tuesday night's meeting. Both said they were comfortable with Zabielski's plan for making improvements at the High School library and both agreed they would recommend against the proposed increase.

The School Committee will meet again in a workshop session with members of the Town Council School Budget Sub-Committee on Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium to discuss the budgets for Special Education, Early Childhood, programs with other districts, and the Middle School.

At the conclusion of the workshop, there will be a public hearing at the regularly scheduled School Committee meeting.

Commission Receives Positive Reply From Italian Sister City Choice

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After waiting more than six months for the City of Frosinone to respond to their invitation to enter into a cultural exchange relationship, the Agawam Italian Sister City Commission was relieved to receive a prompt and enthusiastic reply from Reggio di Calabria, the city designated as their second choice last summer.

On Friday, Italian Vice-Consul Guiseppe Polimeni said he had not realistically expected a reply from Frosinone before October and that a second (still unanswered) letter had been sent in early December as the end of the year deadline for a reply approached.

Concerned that the chance to establish a sister city relationship might be slipping away, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson called a meeting with the vice-consul and commission members last month and it was decided that a letter would be sent to Reggio di Calabria, Polimeni said.

Last week, Polimeni received a response from the city's secretary of cultural affairs stating, "We learned with satisfaction that your city has interest in the sister city program...we renew our interest...we are waiting for additional information to move forward."

"A Great City..."

Commission member Anthony Bonavita expressed the consensus of the panel: "I think we should be happy they gave us a response so soon. It's a great city from everything that I've heard."

Now that the long process of establishing ties with an Italian city seems to be coming to a conclusion, commission member said they were relieved and eager to tap into the enthusiasm for the program which has remained high within the community.

Commission member (Town Councilor) John Negrucchi said, "Now that we know we have a sister city, we can pursue this any way we want. We have enough enthusiastic people and we'll do a tremendous job because we're all willing to work."

Polimeni said he would be willing to do whatever he could to help the fledgling relation-

ship through letters and phone calls, but the success of the program depends on the people involved on both sides of the Atlantic.

"This can be a relationship that gives a lot of satisfaction," Polimeni said. "It's up to the people—that's what makes the difference in the programs."

The next steps in the process will be a letter to Reggio di Calabria from the Mayor's Office as a formal signal that Agawam is serious about the relationship and the approval of the relationship by Town Council. The sister city commission will be charged with putting together a proposal for developing an exchange program between the two cities.

"We have achieved what we wanted," Polimeni said. "My recommendation is that from now on, there is no first or second choice city—there is only one choice and that is Reggio di Calabria."

280 Days Of Sunshine!

Polimeni, who grew up in Reggio di Calabria, said the city enjoys 280 days of sunshine, with winter temperatures rarely below 55 (F). For the past five years, Polimeni has been conducting guided tours of his hometown under the auspices of the Italian Cultural Center in Springfield to promote the region in an eight day/seven night package, including air fare, accommodations, and meals for \$1,400. Polimeni said commission members could join a tour being planned for late May in order to take advantage of an important chance to establish relationships with local officials.

Reggio di Calabria, also called Reggio or Reggio Calabria, is located on the southern tip of Italy on the Strait of Messina opposite Sicily. Founded as a Greek colony in the late eighth century B.C., the city has a population of 170,000.

Last June, the 21-member Italian Sister City Commission chose the town of Frosinone, located 70 miles from Rome in the Region of Lazio, as its first choice for entering into a formalized relationship of educational, social, and economic exchange.

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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Boys' & Girls' Club To Meet April 8th

To The Editor:

This is an important notice to all children and parents in the Town of Agawam.

We are in the formative stages of opening a Boy's and Girls' Club for the youth here in Agawam.

We were incorporated December 14, 1999. We currently have a core level board of directors and have been meeting for about two years now.

We have been meeting at the old St. David's Church, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. There has been much accomplished during this time. Needs assessments have been prepared and the basic formative work has been accomplished. We are now in the stages of forming committees to carry out the final phases of opening a Boys' and Girls' Club here in Agawam.

For far too long, the youth of Agawam have not had recreational activities after school or on weekends. There has been a real void that needed to be filled.

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs offer a total package of activities to help our youth develop their interests, provide good role model guidance, as well as a place where they can be accepted and secure.

Many of your friends and neighbors have invested their time and resources to make this a reality. Won't you please join with us in this most worthwhile cause?

The next meeting will be on April 8th at the old St. David's Church on Springfield Street at 7:00 p.m. Please come join us in helping our youth acquire the type of recreational facilities that other cities and towns have had for so many years. It's Agawam's turn ... and our youth will benefit from your concern and support.

Thank you,
Kent Servis
Communications Coordinator
Agawam Boys' and Girls' Club

Bitzas Seeks Resolution Against Casinos In MA

To The Editor:

Dear Councilors:

At the March 1st council meeting, the council voted, seven to one with three councilors absent, against the TR 99-4 resolution opposing casino gambling in our state.

In spite of your speeches against casino gambling, when the time came to vote and take an official stand, you failed to do so. You voted against the resolution that opposes casino gambling in our state. In a 1994 referendum, the people of Agawam voted three to one against putting a casino in at Riverside Park.

I don't understand why, councilors, you have voted against the wishes of the great majority of Agawam voters who opposed the casino. You are now on the record officially as supporting the

legalization of casino gambling in Massachusetts. We must prove to the voters how we stand on this issue and every issue, by our actions, our deeds, and most importantly, with our recorded vote.

The empty words and grandstanding mean nothing. The voters must know our position and how we voted. You have the right to oppose or support gambling, but you can't have it both ways. Your contradictions send wrong and confusing messages to our community, our neighboring communities, and our elected state officials.

Like many constituents who called me with their concerns, I also, still can't understand your actions and your vote. Maybe you didn't realize the seriousness and the gravity of this issue. We all have a responsibility in every vote we cast; it bears great consequences and directly affects the integrity of our community.

The council business is not a political game and we should never take it lightly. Some councilors declared their opposition to casino gambling in the press. You, Mr. President, said in the March 2nd *Union News* that if a casino proposal was actually on the table, the council would stand tall and fully support this resolution and that the legislators had not made any decisions on reviving casino gambling yet. Mr. President, that is not so. I hope you and the council will reconsider, stand tall, and fully support this resolution for the following reasons:

1. According to the February 24th *Union News* report, there is legislation on Beacon Hill that shows a shift in favor of casinos.

2. State Senator Michael Knapik from Westfield has signed onto a bill that would allow casino gambling at four sites, including one in Hampden County.

3. State Representative Evelyn Chesky of Holyoke also has a bill to legalize casino gambling.

4. The pro casino people with big money are working very hard and continue to lobby to change minds in the State House.

5. The Government Regulations Committee will begin hearings on casino gambling legislation March 16th and I believe we should send them a strong voice of opposition with this resolution.

This is the right time to act and let them know with our vote that Agawam and the Agawam City Council still oppose legalized casino gambling in Massachusetts.

This council must now show leadership and courage and take action again against legalizing casino gambling in Massachusetts. We are dealing with a different issue now, a state issue, not a local one. We must now oppose casino gambling in our state and especially right next door.

Yes, councilors, it is our job to let other cities and towns and the state know how we feel about casinos. It will negatively affect us a great deal if casino gambling is close to us. I hope this resolution pass quickly so we can send it to the Governor's Regulation Committee, which started hearings about his issue March 16th. You must vote yes on this new resolution if you really believe that the detriments of casino gambling, such as compulsive gambling, loss of business by local merchants, and an increase in crime, far outweigh any benefits that casino gambling might bring to Massachusetts.

If you don't agree with this resolution, then you can vote no. You have the right to support or oppose casino gambling in our state and I have no right to tell you how to vote. It is my hope that this time you will follow what you have already said verbally and vote for this resolution. That is what really counts.

Thank you,
George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

Veterans' Corner... Memorial Day Is Closer Than We Think

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

The Veterans' Council has begun making plans for the Town of Agawam's Memorial Day observance.

During this past week, we have mailed out invitations for participation in our town's only parade of the year. It will be held on Monday, May 31st, and we would like as many people as possible to participate.

If your group would like to be a part of the event and you have not received a letter of invitation, please contact the Veterans' Service Office at Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, extension 236 or 237. In the past, there have been several groups who did not respond to the letter of invitation, but did show up at the assembly point; this causes confusion in our efforts to get the parade off in an orderly fashion.

Once all responses are received, we line up both divisions on paper and send parade orders outlining parade positions about a week prior to the parade. This year, we will not send parade orders to those who did not respond to the invitation.

With the new State Veterans' Cemetery to be dedicated next year, we need to have strict guidelines in place, as this most likely will be the largest parade our town has seen.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS AND NEW ONES AS WELL.

This week, we are finishing with our publication of the Vietnam War veterans' list. In this issue, the list is comprised of Agawam veterans whose last names begin with the letters "W," "Y," and "Z," and will be a part of the Honor Roll.

Next week, we will begin publishing our Revolutionary War list.

AGAWAM VIETNAM VETERANS - "W," "Y," & "Z"
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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 5, 1999 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of twenty-one (21) registered voters for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding a provision relative to delaying the demolition of historically significant buildings. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL AGAWAM, MA

THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 20, 1999 AT 7:30 p.m. AT THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 68 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM, MA ON THE APPLICATION OF LUCIA LUMBER CO. FOR A LICENSE TO KEEP, STORE FOR PERSONAL USE/OR RESALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN UNDERGROUND TANKS OR ABOVE GROUND NOT TO EXCEED 20,000 GALLONS AT 777 SILVER STREET IN THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, MA.

RICHARD M. THEROUX
TOWN CLERK

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Zoning Advisory Task Force Holds First Meeting With Expert Consultant

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Zoning Advisory Task Force met for the first time Monday evening with the expert consultant hired to recodify the zoning ordinance into a more modern and more user-friendly document.

At the first of five meetings scheduled with the advisory board, Foxborough Attorney Mark Bobrowski focused the discussion on the internal inconsistencies, omissions that should be addressed, and instances of noncompliance with state law uncovered in his initial review of the zoning by-law.

Subsequent meetings will focus on the recodified by-law emphasizing special permits, site plan review, and enforcement issues; use tables and definitions; residential zoning issues; and commercial/industrial zoning issues.

Bobrowski said he would rearrange the information contained in the current "pyramid" format ordinance into a chart/table format for principal uses so that people can see at a glance what is allowed in each zoning district. A typical chart shows allowed uses listed with the various zoning districts displayed as columns across the top of the chart. Whether a use is allowed in a particular zone is indicated in the columns labeled for each zone.

Also, Bobrowski suggested deleting sections of the zoning code that repeat language already contained in state law or in the state building code.

"You can reference state law and the building code, but you don't want to repeat it. Otherwise, you would have to amend the zoning code whenever changes were made to the statute or the building code," Bobrowski said.

Special Permit Or A "Finding"?

In discussing the need for a modern set of rules for nonconforming uses and structures, Bobrowski said the panel might want to consider whether nonconforming uses should be allowed by the Zoning Board of Appeals through a special permit or by a "finding." A special permit requires a unanimous vote of the ZBA; a finding requires a

simple majority.

Bobrowski said that some towns opt for a finding to deal with nonconforming issues relating to single- and two-family houses, saving the special permit requirement for all other uses.

"Some towns make the political decision to go with a finding for residential purposes only," Bobrowski said.

Making it clear that he was not endorsing the idea of changing the rules for nonconforming structures in Agawam, board member Anthony Bonavita suggested that the board might want to include that option for Town Council's consideration.

"The council may shoot it down 11 to zero, but has anybody ever even thought about changing this to a simple majority?" asked Bonavita.

While no specific recommendation was made, the consensus of the advisory panel favored keeping the current requirement that decisions of the ZBA must be unanimous.

Representing the ZBA on the advisory board, Doreen Prouty said, "I'm comfortable with the unanimous vote rule. We've had many disagreements on the ZBA, but we've always worked them out."

In discussing the rules for granting special permits, Bobrowski said all references to special use exceptions must be deleted and suggested a new list of criteria for granting special permits. Bobrowski said his suggested criteria were more specific and would assure that everyone knows what the rules are in advance when applying for a special permit. Also, the town would be able to examine all the effects a project would have on the community.

"The current criteria are 'touchy/feely' ... you can't make it up as you go along," Bobrowski said.

But, board member (Town Councillor) Gina Letellier disagreed. "I think your suggestions are too vague and discretionary," she said.

Criteria For Weighing Benefits & Risks...

Bobrowski argued that the ZBA would be better able to weigh the benefits and risks to the community of projects requiring a special permit using the following criteria:

1. Social, economic, or community needs which are served by the proposal.
2. Traffic flow and safety, including parking and loading.
3. Adequacy of utilities and other public services.
4. Neighborhood character and social structures.
5. Impacts on the natural environment.
6. Potential fiscal impact, including impact on town services, tax base, and employment.

Other areas of concern that will come under the scrutiny of the advisory board as the recodification project continues include: unregistered cars on residential property; in-law apartments; home occupations; required acreage for keeping a horse on residential property; parking regulations; landscaping, screening, or buffering requirements separating businesses and residences; signage; and an ordinance delaying the demolition of significant historical buildings.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said the advisory board may decide to develop proposed changes to the zoning code that go beyond the recodification project to send to Town Council for consideration.

"As we go through with recodification, when we see glaring omissions to the zoning code, we may decide to separate out the more substantive issues for the council to consider (as amendments to the zoning code)," Ms. Dachos said.

Changes to the zoning by-law, including the recodification project, require a two-thirds majority vote of the Town Council.

The Advisory Task Force will meet again on Monday, April 12th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Faolin Peirce Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

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Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION
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Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, April 5th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 3/15/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. **Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances**
 - (a) **Resolutions**
 1. TR-99-6- A Resolution Expressing Agawam's City Council Opposition to the Legalization of casino gambling in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Coun. Bitzas).
 2. TR-99-7- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of George Schlagel, 490 North Street, FH, MA and Jessie Fuller, 61 Peros Drive, Aga., MA to the Veteran's Council for Two Year Terms Expiring April 1, 2001 (Mayor).
 3. TR-99-8- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Grant an Easement to Louise N. and Luis E. Escobar Over a Portion of the Town of Agawam's Drainage Easement on the Property Located Between 175 and 183 Parkedge Drive in the Feeding Hills Section of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).
 4. TR-99-9- A Resolution to name April 1999 as Open Pantry Month (Coun. Letellier).
7. **Report of Council Committees**
 - (a)
 1. Comm. on Rules - Coun. Young
 - Comm. on Ordinances - Coun. Bitzas
 - Comm. on Utilities - Coun. Caba
 - Comm. on Licenses - Coun. Negrucci
 - Comm. on St. Acceptance - Coun. Thompson
8. **Elections**
None.
9. **Public Hearings**
 - (a)
 1. PH-99-2-(TOR-99-1)-An Ordinance to Add Paragraph 180-14A to the Zoning Code of the Town of Agawam Relative to Delaying the Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. **Old Business**
 - (a)
 1. TO-99-10-Transfer-\$2,000.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Police-Animal Control Services (12102-52992)(Mayor).
 2. TO-99-11-Transfer-\$20,500.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Fire-Motor Vehicle (12204-58500)(Mayor).

From Agawam Democratic Town Committee

Scholarship Applications At Town Clerk's Office

Agawam Democratic Town Committee scholarship applications are available to town residents in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

The scholarship is open to students currently enrolled in college who will be returning to school in the fall; high school seniors (from AHS or other area high schools) who will be attending college in the fall as freshmen; students who are enrolling in college after earning a G.E.D.; and non-traditional students who are returning to school some years after graduating from high school.

The application deadline is April 15th.

Keenan Announces Latest Installment Of Cable T.V. Show

A new episode of "From Your House to the State House With Representative Dan Keenan" will be airing during the month of April on channel 9, the local community access channel.

Viewers interested in watching can tune in every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. during the month of April.

Joining Rep. Keenan as the guest for the show is Cornelius Mahoney, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Woronoco Bank. Current banking issues will be discussed, as well as changes taking place in the banking industry and at Woronoco Bank.

Rep. Keenan encourages and welcomes feedback, comments, or questions regarding the television show. Rep. Keenan can be contacted by phone at 786-4545, by mail at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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- Eliminate overloaded electrical outlets.
- Minimize the number and lengths of extension cords.
- Allow space around TV and stereo equipment to prevent overheating.
- Use metal screen in front of fireplace.
- Have large, deep ashtrays for smokers and make sure all smoking materials have been extinguished before disposal.

KITCHEN

- Keep surfaces clean and free of grease.
- Do not leave the kitchen while the stove or oven is in use. Many fires begin during unattended cooking.
- Turn pot handles in so they can't be knocked off or pulled down by small children.
- If you have a grease fire, put a lid on it! Using water will spread the fire.

BEDROOMS

- Make a firm rule not to allow anyone to smoke in bed.
- Working smoke detectors should be installed outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, install one in your room. Test the detector monthly and change the battery annually.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.

BASEMENT, GARAGE, AND STORAGE AREAS

- Have furnace, wood burning stove, or any other heating appliance inspected by a professional prior to each heating season.
- Keep areas around heating equipment free of papers, rags, or flammable liquids.
- Store gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquids in safety cans outside your home.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

- Keep matches and lighters stored where children cannot find them.
- Post emergency numbers on all phones.
- Don't let papers or trash accumulate.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.

It only takes a minute to check your home for fire hazards. Set a time to regularly check your home. You could be preventing a fire and possibly saving a life ... the life of your family.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Melconian Makes Commitment To Schools...

Governor Underfunds Education, State Senate Will Not

Senate Majority Leader Linda L. Melconian (D-Springfield) believes that "Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, and West Springfield school districts deserve better than the Governor's budget." Melconian said this after a comprehensive review of the Governor's FY2000 budget proposal disclosed that local spending on public education was shortchanged by \$90 million.

The Governor's proposal for next year provides only \$155 million of the \$245 million in unrestricted municipal education spending, known as Chapter 70 funding, called for by the Education Reform Act. The remaining \$90 million is diverted to other programs, many of which have previously been funded from other sources.

"We in the Senate recognize that this \$90 million cut in municipal education funds hinders the ability of school committees to continue to enhance public schools, and places additional pressures on municipal spending budgets," said Senator Melconian.

"The state made a promise in the Education Reform Act that we would support local spending on schools and that, in return, we would hold cities and towns and regional school districts accountable for achieving high standards," explained Senator Melconian. "The Governor's budget breaks that promise by redirecting funds that should go for local priorities to statewide programs."

"The Senate is going to keep that promise," she said. "Our budget will provide the full \$245 million for local spending on public schools. These are the resources that are expected, and deserved." The Education Reform Act of 1993 is based on the recognition that decisions about the needs and budget priorities of schools are best made at the local level.

"The Senate will fulfill the spirit and letter of the Education Reform Act, as we have since its enactment," said Senate President Tom Birmingham, author of the legislation. "The Education Reform Act is not a numbers game or a semantics issue, it is a commitment to enhancing the caliber and equitability of public education in Massachusetts."

The Senate will also continue to support statewide education initiatives at the high levels it always has, but it will not do so at the expense of local spending. "The parents, teachers, administrators, and local officials deserve the resources they need to meet the achievement levels we expect," said Senator Melconian, expressing her satisfaction with the Senate's commitment to fully fund the \$245 million promise to local school districts across the Commonwealth.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

John V. Strozzi

John V. Strozzi, 71, of 11 Stone Path Lane, West Springfield, an area youth sports leader, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a mechanical engineer for Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks. He retired as supervisor of instrumentation and metrology in 1987 after 35 years with the company.

Born in Woburn, he graduated from Woburn High School, attended Huntington Preparatory School in Boston, and received a degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University.

He lived in West Springfield for 42 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was chairman of the board of the West Springfield Youth Soccer Association, coached West Springfield soccer, and was a director of the West Springfield Youth Hockey Association. He belonged to the Pioneer Valley Computer Club and the Bay State Golf League.

He received the West Springfield Park and Recreation Commission's award in 1984 for outstanding service to town youth.

He leaves his wife, the former Theresa A. Lucia; a daughter, Diane S. Lafrance of Granville; three sisters, Mary Garrity, Janet Johnson, and Carole Chamberlain, all of Woburn; and a grandson.

A son, John Strozzi, died in 1994.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, both in Agawam. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 505 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, or any other charity.

Ann M. Driscoll

Ann M. (Kiernan) Driscoll, of 58 Bessbrook Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She was a registered nurse for the Springfield school system.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in 1937 and Springfield Hospital School of Nursing in 1942.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Her husband, John R. Driscoll, died in 1989.

She leaves a daughter, Deborah A. Driscoll of Feeding Hills; two brothers, John of East Longmeadow and Hugh of Monson; a sister, Mary K. Noone of Chatham; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Sampson Chapel of the Acres was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Violet J. Lacroix

Violet J. (Tessicini) Lacroix, 76, of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Prior to retirement, she had worked for 30 years at Riverside Amusement Park and previously was employed at the Springfield Armory.

She was born in Springfield and had lived all of her life in the Agawam and Feeding Hills area.

She was a volunteer with Brightside for Families and Children of West Springfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Romeo.

She leaves three sons, Thomas of Springfield, David Lacroix of Show Low, Arizona, and Michael of Warm Springs, Montana; two daughters, Nancy Hoover of Glens Falls, New York, and Judy Covert of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Dominic Tessicini of Springfield and Salvatore Tessicini, Jr. of Holiday, Florida; three sisters, Pearl Bonfitto of Agawam, and Jennie Chionere and Rita LaForce, both of Zephyr Hills, Florida; and eight grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted at Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Walter F. Moon

Walter F. Moon, 82, of Westfield, and formerly of Feeding Hills, died recently at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He was a 23-year employee of Westfield Paper Co. and retired in 1981.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Montgomery for 33 years.

He was a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II and a member of the Russell Masonic Lodge.

He leaves his former wife, Flora Fanion of Westfield; four sons, Walter Jr. of Waltham, Richard Fanion of Vaparaíso, Florida, and Wayne Fanion and Wesley Fanion, both of Westfield; three daughters, Sharon Barry of Middlefield, Linda Schubach of Westfield, and Marion Towers of Pennsylvania; four brothers, Douglas and Donald, both of Fort Myers, Florida, Warren of New York State, and Harry of the Hazardville section of Enfield, Connecticut; two sisters, Louraine Gabrie of East Hartford, Connecticut, and Shirley McAlister of Oceanside, California.

The funeral was scheduled to take place in Pine Hill Cemetery at a future date. Southwick-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

John F. Meagher

John F. Meagher, 89, of 480 Cooper Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1972 from Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, where he was an experimental lab technician.

Born in Springfield, he lived most of his life in Agawam and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam.

He was a member of the Westfield Elks Club and the West Springfield Elks Club, where he served as past Exalted Ruler.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Wanda M. Schultz; a daughter, Joanne Cirillo of Agawam; and two granddaughters.

Another daughter, Kathlyn Perodeau, predeceased him.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 7...

Charles L. Astifan

Charles L. Astifan, 76, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, died recently at Boca Community Hospital in Florida.

He was president and owner of Ballard Engineering and Tank Company of Agawam, and co-owner of Ballard International and Ballard Real Estate of Agawam.

Born in Watertown, New York, he resided for many years in Agawam before retiring to Deerfield Beach.

He leaves his wife, the former Ann Plank; a son, John Stevens of Wilmington, North Carolina; a daughter, Tamara Watts of Chesapeake, Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

A private memorial service was held at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church of Boca Raton, Florida. All County Funeral Home and Crematory of Boca Raton was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church Scholarship Fund, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Salvatore F. Amato

Salvatore F. Amato, 95, of Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a welder for Westinghouse Co. and Smith & Wesson Co., where he retired from.

He was born in Naples, Italy, and lived in Springfield for most of his life.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

His wife, the former Theadora Cavicchioli, died in 1985.

He leaves a sister, Josephine Reseigne of Arizona, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Andrew F. Arnold

Andrew F. Arnold, 80, of 725 Suffield Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He worked at the H.P. Hood Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1983.

Born in Agawam, he was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

His wife, the former Pearl L. Richardson, died in 1988.

He leaves three sons, Gary B. of Feeding Hills, Robert A. of East Longmeadow, and Andrew D. of Hilton, New York; three brothers, Irving of Monson, Henry of Southwick, and Robert of Naples, Florida; three sisters, Emily Prouty of Palmer, Adeline Herlihy of Pelham, and Mildred Gray of Clearwater, Florida; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien

Agawam Republican Town Comm. To Hold Breakfast Meeting

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 10th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Robert Danie, committee chairman, will call for a report from the nominating committee which was elected at the March meeting. Members of the committee are Ronald Lariviere, Rita Moore, and Priscilla Peterson.

Danie also announced the election of Scott Hibbert and John Negrucchi to fill two vacancies on the Republican Town Committee. Both of these new members were elected at the March meeting.

Anyone who is interested in becoming an associate member of the committee is welcome to attend this April 10th meeting.

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Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Fannie R. Pedulla

Fannie R. (Fazio) Pedulla, 86, of 327 Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, she was a resident of Agawam for the past 60 years.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Springfield, and its Women's Guild, the Agawam Lioness Club, and the Agawam Catholic Women's Club.

Her husband, Louis E. Pedulla, died in 1998.

She leaves a son, Louis E. Jr. of San Diego, California; three daughters, Rosemarie Pedulla of Agawam, Marianne Pedulla of Springfield, and Janet Pope of East Longmeadow; a brother, Thomas Fazio of Agawam; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Carmel Church Building Fund, 123 William Street, Springfield, MA 01109, or to the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Ronald E. King

Ronald E. King, 82, of 264 Leonard Street, Agawam, died recently at home. Born in West Hartford, Connecticut, he lived in Agawam all his life and was a 1935 graduate of Agawam High School.

He worked for 20 years as a service manager for Central Chevrolet in West Springfield, retiring in 1983. Previously, he was a mechanic at the former M.C. Barrett's in Springfield.

He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran. He was a charter member of the former Trestle Board of Masons, which then became the Elm-Belcher Lodge of Masons, of which he was a 50-year member. He was a member of the Amherst Railroad Society and the Berkshire Mohawk Model Railroad Club. He was also a member of the Agawam Congregational Church for over 65 years.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, the former Eleanor M. Jensen; a son, Ronald E. of Milford, Delaware; a daughter, Jan M. Nooney of Agawam; and seven grandchildren. Another son, Karl H. King, died in December 1998.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 10th in the morning at the Agawam Congregational Church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in the Agawam Veterans' Cemetery. Agawam Funeral Home is in charge.

Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 50 Maple St., Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or to the Agawam Congregational Church Capital Fund, 745 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL AGAWAM, MA

THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 20, 1999 AT 7:30 p.m. AT THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 68 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM, MA. ON THE APPLICATION OF CRESTVIEW COUNTRY CLUB FOR A LICENSE TO KEEP, STORE FOR PERSONAL USE/ OR RESALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN UNDERGROUND TANKS OR ABOVE GROUND NOT TO EXCEED 1,000 GALLONS AT 275 SHOEMAKER LANE IN THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, MA.

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

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Agawam Chamber Of Commerce To Co-Host "Operation Boston"

On April 7th, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce will co-host a delegation of business leaders at the State House in Boston.

Participation in "Operation Boston," the Chamber's annual legislative visit is open to representatives of the Agawam business community.

The event day includes a full day of learning, experiencing and influencing government first-hand. Through the assistance of our hosts, Senator Michael Knapik, State Representative Mary Rogeness, and other area legislators Chamber business leaders will tour the State House and hear about specific bills and topics of interest to the business community currently under consideration.

Governor Cellucci, Senate President Birmingham, House Speaker Finneran, and others have been invited to address the delegation. Operation Boston provides an opportunity to view the process of state government in action.

The trip is also a great networking opportunity. Representatives from businesses throughout the Pioneer Valley will gather for bus departure in Springfield in the early morning on April 7th. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at 787-1555.

On April 30th, the community is invited to attend the Agawam Chamber of Commerce annual breakfast at Oak Ridge Country Club. Congressman Richard E. Neal has accepted an invitation to address the breakfast gathering.

Neal will update the business community on local, regional, and federal issues of importance this year. The breakfast will also highlight the achievements of the Chamber's 1998-99 year. Tickets are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Ticket reservation forms are available from the Chamber. The Agawam Chamber welcomes new member Cambridge Credit Counseling, a credit and collections business located at 67 Hunt St. in Agawam.

Keenan Chosen To Serve On House Ways & Means Committee

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, 3rd Hampden District, was tapped recently by House Speaker Thomas M. Finneran to serve on the powerful House Ways & Means Committee.

Keenan also serves on the joint committees on Education, Insurance, and Taxation.

"I am very excited and honored," stated Keenan. "I look forward to being a strong voice on the Committee."

As a member of the Ways & Means committee, Keenan will continue to advocate for strong fiscal responsibility. Among his concerns and priorities are: funding for public education, job creation through economic development, and improved access to health care.

Currently serving his third term in the House of Representatives, Keenan has established himself as one of the hardest working legislators in Massachusetts. In four years, Keenan has earned a reputation as an honest, independent leader.

Keenan replaces the seat left vacant by Emanuel Serra of Boston, who left to work for the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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MODELS AT THE Agawam Women's Club's Spring Fashion Show: top photo - Mahera Chiarizio, Dolores Morin, Annmarie Morin, and Tracey Nascembeni; photo below - Lauren Camody, Marcie Lynn Coogan, and Jane Cote. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Agawam Women's Club Holds Spring Fashion Show

The Agawam Women's Club held a Spring Fashion Show on March 21st at Chez Josef to raise funds for their community projects.

One-hundred twenty-six members and guests attended this special event with fashions provided by Lorraine's Fashion Showcase of Holyoke.

Make-up for those models participating was artfully applied by Diane Shecrallah, consultant to Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Annmarie's Dance Place of Windsor Locks provided our lovely models, Annmarie Morin, Dolores Morin, Lauren Camody, Mahera Chiarizio, Marcie Coogan, Jane Cote, Judy Kowal, Mary O'Keefe, and Solveig Pflueger.

Also modeling were club member Evelyn Mogue and Tracy Nascembeni, niece of club president Faith Freeman.

A very special thank you to Phyllis Damon for the continued publicity of this event. Also to Phyllis Catchepaugh, who helped collect and set-up the reservations, prepare place cards, and with the assistance of Joan Goss, greeted guests as they arrived.

Sincere appreciation to all club members who helped in any way by donating door prizes, contributing to raffle prizes, putting up flyers, selling tickets, and helping the day of the fashion show.

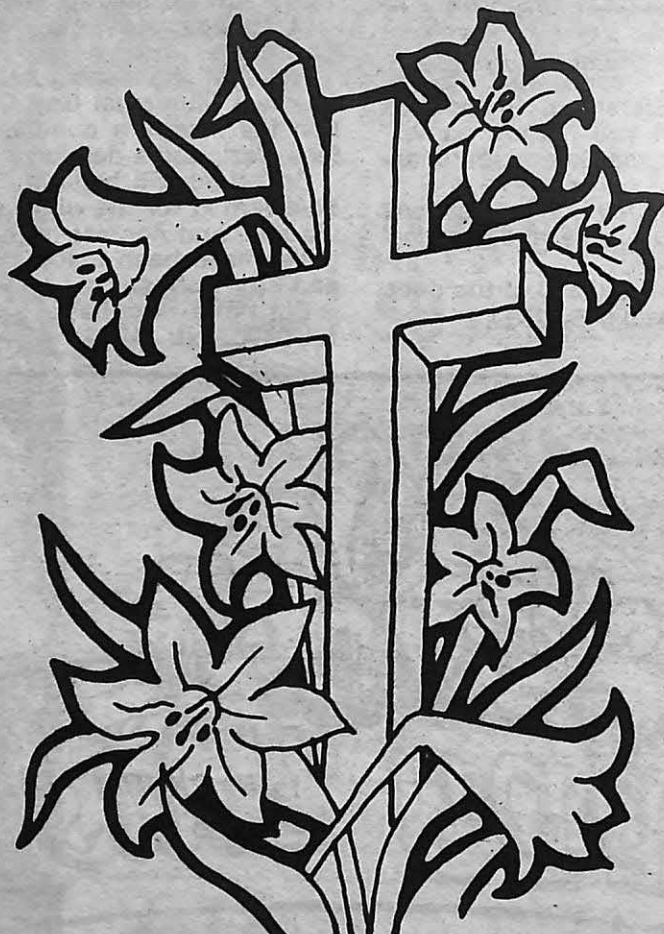
To Erwin (Dutch) Werthamer for the beautiful music accompaniment, to Richard Smith, our models' escort, to Chez Josef coordinators Ed Flebotte and Charlene Ellithorpe, and the entire staff who contributed to our club event, a sincere thank you.



A SPRING FASHION SHOW sponsored by the Agawam Women's Club was held at Chez Josef on Sunday, March 21st. Among the ladies who participated as models in this event were (from left to right) Evelyn Mogue, Judy Kowal, Mary O'Keefe, and Solveig Pflueger. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...

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The Pleva Family "Aims High" With The U.S. Air Force

His grandfather rode off on a cavalry in 1940 to join. His dad, uncle, and aunt followed a decade later. And now, it's his turn.

Raymond Pleva III of Agawam is the third generation of Plevas to enter the Air Force. The Plevas' proud Air Force tradition continues because Raymond Sr. makes sure of it.

"Dad instilled patriotism and hard work in us and what his country did for him. I wanted to follow in his footsteps," said Raymond Jr.

After years of hearing their father's story, Raymond Jr., Mark Pleva, and Robin Marie Gagne decided they wanted their own stories.

"I wanted to see the world and do everything my dad did, and see everything he saw," said Raymond Jr. And, he did just that; exactly 20 years later, he joined the Air Force and was assigned to McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, as a loadmaster, to work with his father. His brother, Mark, later joined them.

Raymond Sr. is never at a loss for stories. He reflects back on the days when he worked for Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nixon. After traveling to more than 47 different countries, he retired with 27 years of dedicated service.

Raymond Jr. and Mark fulfilled their dreams of following in their dad's footsteps. Raymond Jr. visited over 30 different countries, working in the same field his father did and sharing some of the same experiences. He retired in 1992 after 20-plus years.

"I would do it all over again if I could," Raymond Jr. said longingly.

Mark, also a loadmaster, is assigned to the 137th Airlift Wing at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, and he still has a few more years before he retires. Robin, a nurse with the 104th Medical Clinic at Barnes Air Reserve Base in Westover, will also retire in a few years.

Between the three of them, they racked up a total of 43,000 flying hours, 86 years of total military service, and traveled to over 70 different countries.

Raymond III left for basic training in San Antonio, Texas, on March 24th. Prior to leaving, he



CONTINUING A FAMILY TRADITION: Robin Marie Gagne, Raymond Pleva III, Raymond Pleva Jr., and Raymond Pleva Sr. stand proudly by the Air Force poster in the Recruiting Office at 1550 Main Street, Springfield, as Raymond III completes his final enlistment paperwork.

said, "I want to take advantage of all the benefits the Air Force has to offer." But his greatest wish is to continue the tradition — to be also assigned to McGuire Air Force in New Jersey.

A lot has changed in the Air Force since Raymond Sr. was carted off at 15 years of age in a horse and buggy. Today, due to a strong economy and less military influence in the households, the Air Force is struggling to meet its goals. New recruits are being enticed with lucrative enlistment incentives and bonuses.

"The quality of life and benefits have tripled

since I've been in the Air Force," said Raymond Sr. However, he wasn't interested in enlistment bonuses then; he just wanted to serve his country ... and the others just wanted to follow in his footsteps.

Although Raymond III will get his bonus and thinks that is great, he, too, just wants to serve his country, follow in his predecessors' footsteps, and see the world. The only difference is that he is enlisting in this decade, where those sentiments are almost a thing of the past.

"Country Bash" At The Chicopee Elks

Join the fun and learn more about kicking the tobacco habit at the substance-free "Country Bash" on Friday, April 16th, from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. at the Chicopee Elks Lodge No. 1849, 431 Granby Road, Chicopee.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare's Tobacco Control Program (a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System), this event will feature games, giveaways, and TNN/Wildhorse Saloon merchandise.

What's more, TNN personality Barry Amato will be on hand for an evening of line and couples' dance instruction.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For advance tickets, call (413) 535-1000.

Agawam Senior Center Slates 4th Annual Golf Tournament

The Agawam Senior Center will be holding its fourth Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 21st. Proceeds will go toward the expansion of the Center.

There will be a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. A \$40 registration fee covers a continental breakfast, greens fees, cart, and a deli lunch at the end of play.

Breakfast will begin at 7:00 a.m. Trophies will be awarded for the winning foursome, closest to the line, and nearest to the pin. Two hole-in-one prizes have been made available from Golf Day and Fran Johnson's.

For more information, call Richard Mundo at 786-0400, ext. 242.

New Cribbage Tourney Ready To Commence At Agawam Senior Ctr.

The Agawam Senior Center will be hosting a new cribbage tournament starting Friday, April 2nd and going through Friday, June 25th.

The games will be held every Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor. The tournament usually involves 30-40 card players and all senior cribbage enthusiasts are welcome to participate.



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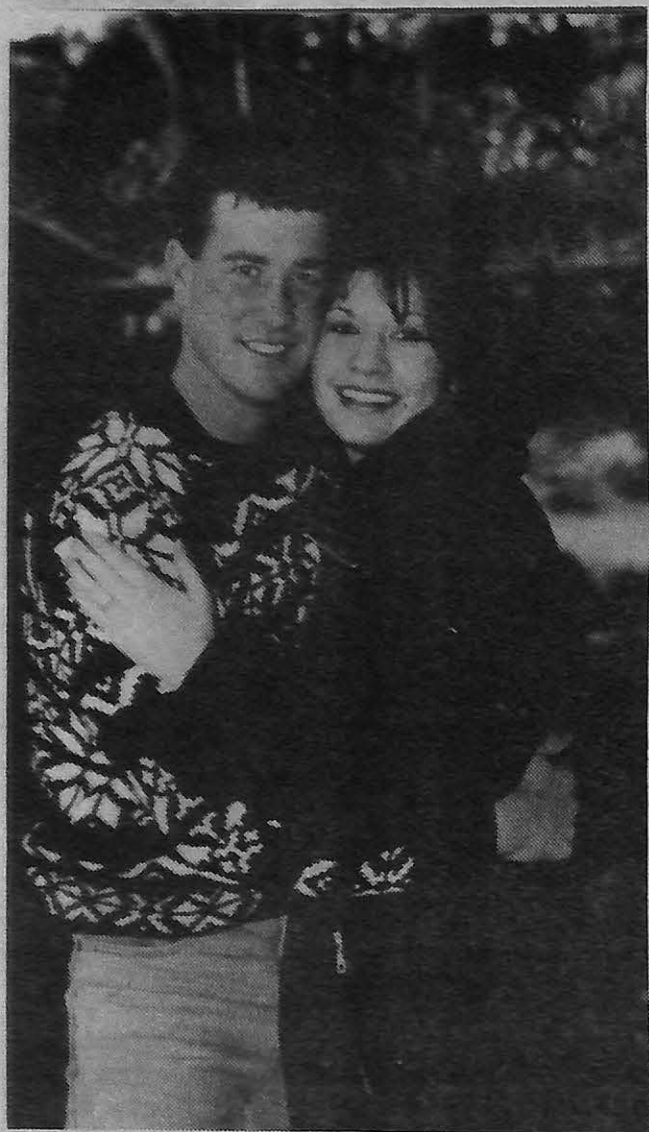
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Julie Moodie Engaged To Wed John Berry

A June 4, 1999 wedding is planned for Julie Moodie and John Berry. The ceremony will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Suffield, Connecticut, with a reception immediately following at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield, Mass.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moodie of Suffield. She is a 1991 graduate of Suffield High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Westfield State College. She received a Dental Assisting Certificate from Tunxis Community Technical College in Farmington, Connecticut, where she is employed as a dental assisting instructor.

John, the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Berry of West Suffield, Connecticut, is also a 1991 graduate of Suffield High School. He is employed as a heavy equipment operator for Hinckley Construction Company of Enfield, Connecticut.

The couple will spend their honeymoon cruising the Caribbean. Upon their return, they will reside in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Swk. Women's Club Schedules Next Reg. Meeting For April 6th

Southwick: The next regular meeting of the Southwick Women's Club will be April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Southwick on College Highway.

Featured at the meeting will be "The Swinging Singing Seniors of Chicopee."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 6:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Premier Parks for property located on the west side of Main Street (overflow parking lot).

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Two-Day Photo Session Slated At Agawam Senior Center

A fun-filled fundraiser for senior citizens will be held April 27th and 28th from 3:00-9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Bring the whole family to this AP Photo session. Donation is \$29.95; \$19.95 for children.

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Spfld. Italian Women's Club To Meet On April 19th

The April 19th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at SALVATORE'S RESTAURANT, 1333 Boston Road, Springfield. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Membership is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

For more information, call 733-2599 or 786-8989. For information on the Italian Women's Club, call 733-8751.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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FRANCINE LOPES (left) of the Feeding Hills Post Office recently presented a framed stamp poster to Attorney Cecilia Calabrese, who's the President of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Springfield. The poster, titled "Women ... Putting Our Stamp On America," was given in recognition of Women's History Month (held in March). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Seniors Knit For A Worthy Cause...



KNITTERS AT THE Agawam Senior Center have been putting their talents to an extremely good use lately — making hats for area cancer patients. Standing: Cathy Rousseau (Practice Manager, Baystate Medical Center Oncology), Joan Teta (Research Nurse, Baystate Oncology), Edna Krygowski, and Barbara Gingras (knitting and crochet teacher). Seated: Florence Matthews and Sophie Frankowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For photo coverage in The AAN, contact Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice.

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Junior Women's Club Hosts AFS Students At March 16th Meeting

On Tuesday, March 16th, four American Intercultural Program (AFS) students at AHS spoke to the Junior Women about life in their country. We were very interested in the types of education institutions, modes of public transportation, and social programs that exist in the homelands of these students.

For example, Andre from the Czech Republic has the same classmates from one class to the next, unlike the high schools in the states. Many of the students in the Czech Republic choose the type of high school they wish to attend. It may specialize in languages, music, or vocational studies. Again, the schools in the Republic do not offer athletics in school. Most of the sports activities take place in outside clubs. Andre had a great sense of humor.

The next to speak was Carlos from Chile. He was quite charming as he explained that the school system is the same as that in the Czech Republic. He also has the same classmates throughout high school. Tennis is his favorite sport. In his country, it is mandatory to serve in the army. What amazes him the most in the United States is that when couples dance, they do not dance together. Not so in his country.

Eva from Germany explained that most European high schools keep the same classmates from year-to-year. Again, sports are held at private clubs, not in school. She recently was awarded the title of All-Western Mass. in field hockey, which is quite an honor. Back home, she enjoys the outside cafes and parks for meeting classmates and friends. Germany has a collectors' item which is becoming popular in the states; egg-filled collectors' pieces that contain candy, small games, dolls, etc.

Last, Jenana from Brazil was asked if she went snow skiing in her country and she replied, "There is no snow in Brazil." The first time she saw snow was here in the states. She did try snow skiing in New England and liked it. Portuguese is the native language of her country. Many of the parties for young people in Brazil are for dancing and socializing.

Alcohol is not treated as a social event in itself for young people in foreign countries. Many view this as a small part of socializing, but that talking with one another and dancing is more important. They feel that, too often in the states, drinking is emphasized too much at parties and it's really not that big a deal.

Every year, the Junior Women welcome the AFS to remind us that it's a big world out there and we must do all we can to reach out and touch our neighbors from across the sea and south of the equator.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Premier Parks for work to be performed on Riverview Avenue, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: April 1, 1999

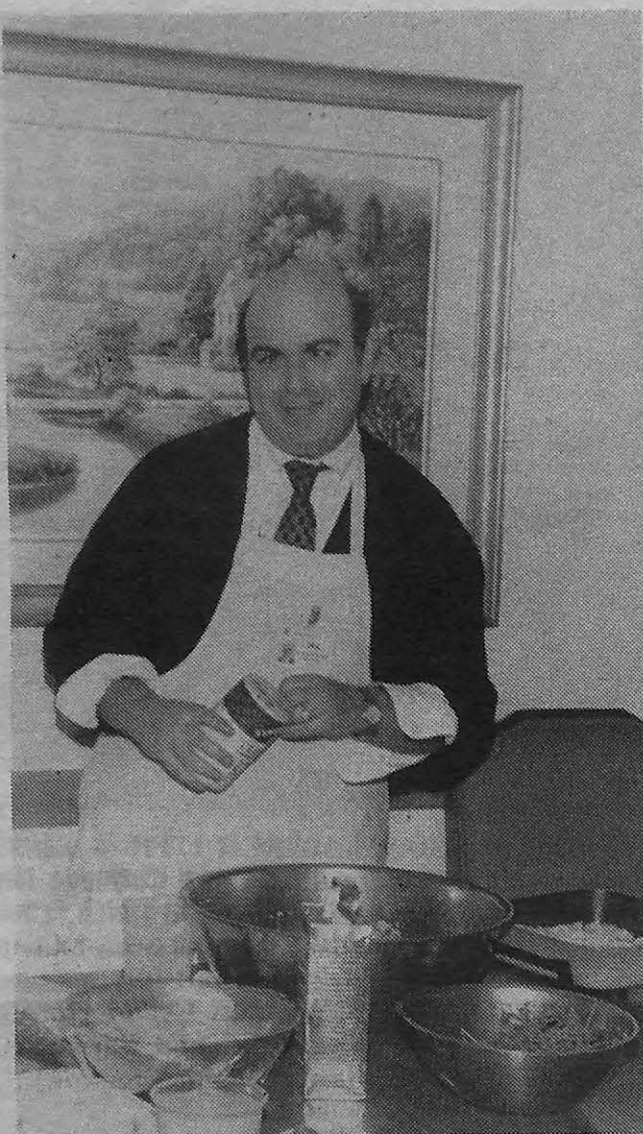
Due to the large number of articles that we receive on a weekly basis, we cannot guarantee that press releases from clubs, service organizations, etc., will appear more than once in our pages...

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT TOWN OF AGAWAM

The Town of Agawam is accepting applications for summer laborer positions. Applications must be at least 18 years of age to operate powered equipment. Applications are available at the Personnel Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

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At Spring Fling Fair...



GUEST CHEF IRA SCHOENBERGE (above) made potato latkes during Heritage Hall East's Annual Spring Fling Fair on March 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, April 5th: Swedish meatballs, lightly buttered noodles, green beans, whole wheat bread, fresh pear.

Tuesday, April 6th: Birthday celebration — pork chops, baked potato, peas and onions, dill rye bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, April 7th: Stuffed shells with extra sauce, tossed salad, Vienna bread, ice cream.

Thursday, April 8th: Meatloaf with gravy and mashed potatoes, baby lima beans, pumpernickel bread, peaches.

Friday, April 9th: Baked macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Wilbraham Women's Club Schedules Annual Luncheon

The Wilbraham Women's Club Annual Luncheon will be held at the Storowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield on Thursday, April 8th.

The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. The guests will be the scholarship recipients and their parents.

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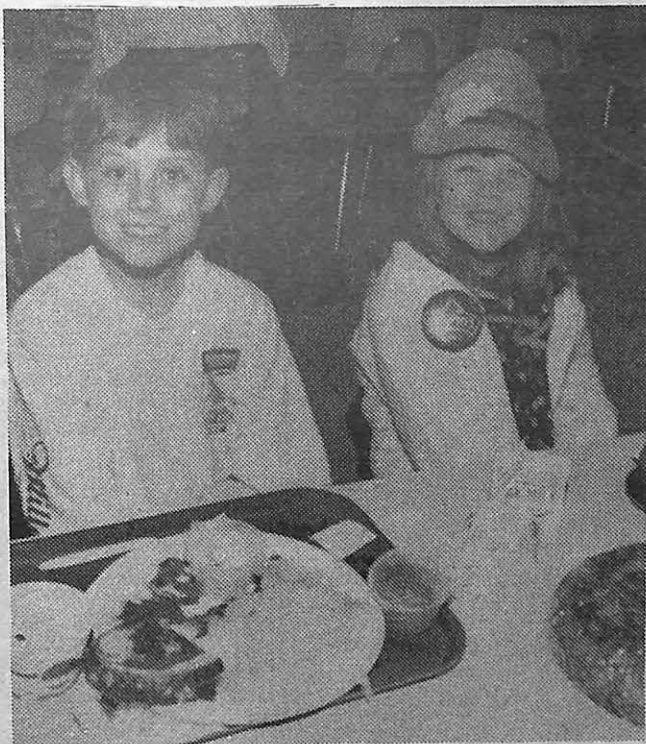
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Agawam Lions Take Pride In Corned Beef Dinner...



ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH — a.k.a. St. Patrick's Day — the Agawam Lions Club held its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Agawam Middle School. Pictured above are Lions Club members Ed Disco, Charlie Calabrese, John Negrucci, Don Sorel, and Bob Vanderhoof. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

EVERYONE IS IRISH on St. Patrick's Day, and people of all ages enjoy the Agawam Lions Club's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Top photo: Ernest Swanson, Bernice Burton, Robert Campbell, and Christopher Johnson. Photo below: Shawn and Alyson Roberge. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"WE CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR CORNED BEEF!!!": Weston Charland, Corrie-Nicole Charland, Michaela Romano, and Tyler Romano at the Agawam Lions Club's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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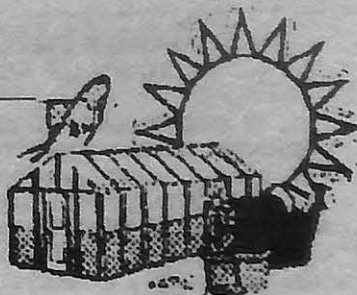
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Ziti And Meatball Dinner To Benefit Baby Valerie Marsh

On Saturday, April 17th, a ziti and meatball dinner will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, for the benefit of Valerie Marsh. This event will run from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Val is a 16 month-old baby girl who was born with SVT — supra ventricular tachycardia. She was recently diagnosed with having two holes in her heart, which is going to need immediate open heart surgery.

This is all complicated by intestinal and lung problems. Val also has atopic eczema/dermatitis, and she has many allergies. She constantly needs to be seen by a team of doctors at Boston Children's Hospital.

The monies contributed through this benefit will be used for Val's continuous care at Boston Children's Hospital and all of her special needs.

Tickets for the dinner (which will also feature a D.J. and raffles) are \$10. For tickets and information, call Brenda, 789-0625, or Lisa, 789-7546. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Donations may also be made to baby Val in care of the "Baby Valerie Marsh Benefit" at Woronoco Savings Bank, P.O. Box 266, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

"Anyone For Dessert???"...



AT THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB'S Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Agawam Middle School on Wednesday, March 17th, members of the Agawam Lioness held a bake sale. Pictured from left to right: Mary Roy, Joann McGeoghan, Ann Jackobek, Rose Kieffer, Marge Disco, Priscilla Peterson, Alice Olson, and Lil Doyle. Advertiser•News photo by Jack Devine.

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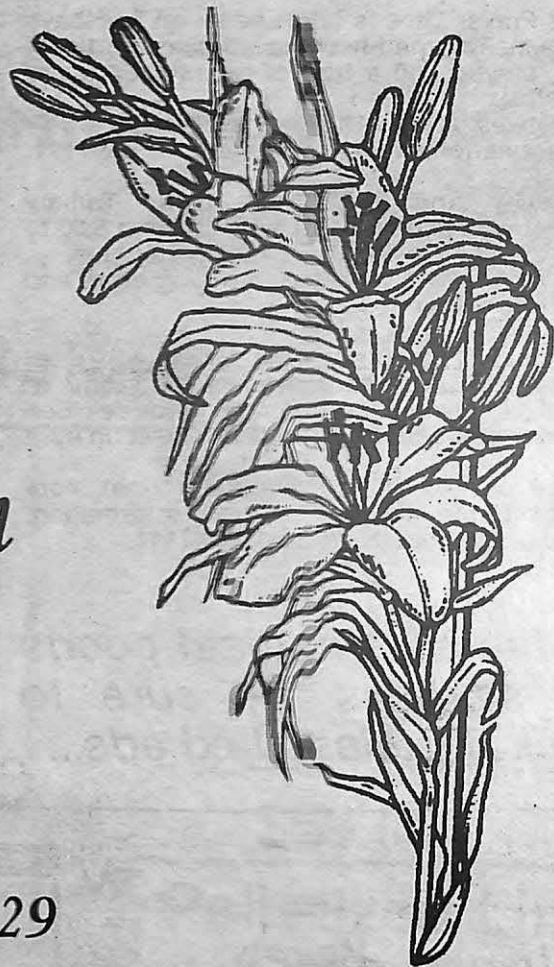
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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Holy Week schedule is as follows at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam:

Maundy Thursday, Service of Tenebrae and Confirmation, will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st. The powerful Service of Tenebrae will be led by the Board of Deacons. Co-teachers Rev. Fuller and Cindy Arnold will lead the Confirmation portion of the service. The Confirmands are: Taryn Albano, Danya Decoteau, Mike Follis, Sarah Gates, Ryan Sullivan, Adam Tapply, Amiee Young, and Lucy Young. Join us to pray and support our new Confirmands.

A Community Good Friday Service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Friday, April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday, April 4th, is Easter Sunday. There will be three services on Easter Sunday: a Sunrise Service with the First Baptist Church at 6:30 a.m. (at the Springfield Turnverein), and services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Join us for one or all three special services. A light breakfast will be held (for those attending the Sunrise Service) in Bryan Hall following the service.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon theme will be, "Go Quickly and Tell," taken from Text: Matthew 28:1-10. His Children's Message will be, "Jump for Joy!"

There will not be any Church School classes on Easter Sunday to allow families to worship together. Church School will resume next Sunday, April 11th.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

On Friday, April 2nd, Youth Advisor Tammy Washburn will meet with Club K*1*2 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Club 3&4 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Both groups will have fun painting eggs and more! Bring a friend.

The Adult Bible Discussion Group will meet each first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:45 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service. The next Discussion Group will meet on April 7th.

All are invited to attend this informal, non-threatening, fun group. For more information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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St. John's Parish News And Notes

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross — Children, 12:00 noon; Adults, 3:00 p.m. Plus a 7:00 p.m. service.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 7:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council Elections will be coming up in May. One-third (five members) are elected to the Parish Council each year.

If you wish to nominate someone, or if you are interested in being nominated yourself, please call the Rectory or one of the present Council members. The names, faces, and phone numbers of the Council are posted in the Main Street foyer of the Church.

MARRIAGES COMING UP

St. John's has a special parish program for preparing couples for marriage. This five-week setting brings those to be wed this year into contact with several couples who help in their preparation.

Completing this program for marriage this year are: Jon Cullins and Sherri Bowers; Andrew Gentile and Tammy Frank; David Geoffrey and Marie Nahajlo; Stephen Grenier and Lisa Hochigian; William Grimaldi and Brenda Cirillo; Edward Kupiec and Donna Voss; Richard Pioggia and Michelle Beliveau; and John Trigilio and Barbara Riley.

FINANCIAL AID FORMS FOR 1999

Those who wish to apply for financial aid to assist in parochial school education costs may pick up a form at the Rectory Office.

A new form must be submitted each year and must be sent in by May 1st.

OVER-60 CLUB

* **Boston Trolley Trip** on Thursday, May 6th. Feel the drama of the Revolution in America. Visit Quincy Market, lunch at the Marriott Long Wharf. Price: \$52. For reservations, call Lil, 786-9586, or Barbara, 569-9830.

* **Saratoga Performing Arts** will be presenting "Swan Lake," a full-length ballet. The Club has tickets reserved for the matinee on July 8th, and this will include a visit to the National Museum of Dance and lunch at Hall of Springs. Make reservations early. Cost: \$57.00.

"Church News" is just one more reason why you turn our pages...

Activities At Sacred Heart Church In F. Hills

RUMMAGE SALE

Just a note to ask you to keep the upcoming "Rummage Sale" in mind as you go through your spring and summer clothing. That pretty outfit that you bought your child for Easter last year and is now too small, would be a good seller — children's clothing always goes first!

Also, household linens sell fast. Worn but usable towels sell well, too — just please make sure they are freshly washed. In the Attic Treasure Room, everything sells; what you no longer want might be the very thing someone is looking for!

The Rummage Sale is on Thursday, April 22nd, in the Parish Center. It is such a good money maker, and all money earned is used to help people in need in the parish and community.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP

The Agawam Catholic Singles Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at St. John's Parish Center, Agawam.

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

Good Friday: Friday, April 2nd — Children's Service, 11:00 a.m.; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Saturday, April 3rd — Blessing of Easter Food, 12:00 noon; The Vigil of Easter, 7:00 p.m.

Easter: Sunday, April 4th — Eucharistic Celebrations at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him." That is the message I have for you. (Matthew 28:1-10)

"Fun And Games Night" By Catholic Women's Club

A "Fun and Games Night," to which members are invited to bring favorite games or to participate in those provided by the committee, will be held by the Agawam Catholic Women's Club following the meeting of April 12th in the social center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street.

Among the activities will be games of cards, trivia, bingo, etc. Carol Pignatere, Martha Jerry, and Eleanor Balboni are in charge of the program.

Refreshments will be served by Eleanor Placzek, assisted by Peggy Lepper, Eleanor Case, Janet Wysocki, Rosalie Ross, Jane Trevenhan, Sheryl Mardeusz, Mary Ellen Mineo, and Mary Zalac.

President Betsy Ciempa will preside over the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. to precede the program.

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This is a faithful saying... that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. —1 Timothy 1:15

When the great Puritan preacher Thomas Hooker (1586-1647) was on his deathbed, a friend tried to console him by saying, "Brother Hooker, you are going to receive your reward." "No, no!" he breathed. "I go to receive mercy!"

In sharp contrast, A. W. Tozer recalled the prayer of a man who had the idea that he could earn heaven as a reward for trying to keep the Ten Commandments. It went something like this: "Now, God, I admit I have not kept number 1 and number 3 and number 7 and number 9. But remember, Father, that I have kept all the others."

How foolish! This man failed to see that if he had broken one commandment, he was guilty of breaking them all (Jas. 2:10). His works were earning him condemnation, not salvation.

As the apostle Paul reviewed his 30-plus years of sacrificial service, he saw himself as the "chief" of sinners and totally dependent on God's mercy. Although he undoubtedly anticipated the rewards he would receive, he gloried only in the cross (Gal. 6:14). There Jesus paid the price for sin so that everyone who trusts in Him will receive mercy.

The wonder of God's mercy and grace! Someday I will "go to receive mercy." I hope you will too. —HVL

'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me;

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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me. —Wesley

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News And Notes From Feeding Hill Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

On Easter morning, we will gather at 6:00 a.m. for a Sunrise Service at Valley Community Church. The service will be followed by breakfast.

A more traditional service, including Holy Communion, will take place at the church at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Bennie E. Whiten, Jr., Mass. Conference Minister and President, will join us to preach a sermon entitled, "The Few and the Many." Children are invited to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The choir will practice on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. This will allow any members singing at the Mass. Conference Anniversary Celebration to rehearse at Old First Church on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, April 6th, all are invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Stewardship & Missions. The Board will welcome Judith Mullins, who will speak about the Pioneer Valley Project. This project, similar to Habitat for Humanity, is an effort to rebuild areas of Springfield.

Operation Friendship will present a Mystery Dinner Theater, "She Should've Seen It Come," on April 10th and 11th at 6:00 p.m. Speak to Sharon Rozanski or call her at 786-8743 for reservations.

Next Sunday, April 11th, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

There will be a Break for the World Offering of Letters workshop held after worship on April 18th. Materials and sample letters will be provided to those wishing to help solve the problem of world hunger.

On the calendar:
Friday, April 2nd: 6:30 p.m., Good Friday "Love Feast" at parsonage; 7:00 p.m., Radio Club
Sunday, April 4th: 6:00 a.m., Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at Valley Community; 10:00 a.m., Worship with Rev. Bennie E. Whiten, Jr.; 7:00 p.m., Play practice
Monday, April 5th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council
Tuesday, April 6th: 7:00 p.m., AA; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:00 p.m., Stewardship & Missions with Judith Mullin
Wednesday, April 7th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir at Old 1st Church
Thursday, April 8th: 7:00 p.m., AA

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Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled At First Baptist In Agawam

The First Baptist Church of Agawam, located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, invites you to its Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, April 16th.

There will be continuous servings from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the menu will consist of spaghetti and sauce (with or without meatballs), salad, bread, and beverage (coffee, tea, or soda). The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

For reservations, call 786-8609, 786-0337 or 789-1481. If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel. Thank you.

Proceeds from this dinner will be used to benefit the Agawam Fire Department's fund drive for a Thermal Imaging Camera.

Faith Bible Church Invites The Public To Its Services

Come and join Faith Bible Church on Good Friday as Pastor Jasmin goes through the last 24 hours of the life of Christ before the crucifixion. He will be going into great detail regarding the death of our Savior.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2nd, at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. Call 786-1681 for directions.

Faith Bible Church will be starting two services on Sundays beginning April 11th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Nursery and children's Sunday School will be provided at both services. Please join us.

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Chicken And Spaghetti Dinner At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Chicken & Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, April 12th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include: half a chicken, spaghetti, tossed salad, bread and butter, beverage (coffee, tea, and juice), and ice cream with fudge sauce (homemade by the chef!).

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Due to a sell-out on the last two dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:45 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

Easter Baptism At First Baptist Church

There will be a special baptismal service at the Easter Sunday 9:30 worship service at First Baptist Church. Candidates are Rachel Bailey, Jean Gill, Sarah Meyers, and Nancy Williams.

Pastor Richard Barnes' message will be "The Hope of Resurrection." Scriptural text will be taken from Ezekiel 37 and John 20: 1-18. Jeanne Webster will lead the responsive reading.

Special Easter anthems will be offered by the choir. Church school classes will not be held this week, but will resume next Sunday.

A social hour will follow worship in Davis Hall. At this time, there will be an opportunity to greet and welcome newly baptised members.

Coming up this week at our church:

Monday, April 5th: 7:00 p.m., Men's Group; 7:00 p.m., Sunshine Circle; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle.

Tuesday, April 6th: 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, April 7th: 7:15 a.m., Prayer Group; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, April 8th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet Apr. 9th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Thomas Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, April 9th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

St. John's Pack 77 Enjoys Winter Camping...



ST. JOHN'S PACK 77 enjoyed winter camping at Moses Scout Reservation during the last weekend in January. The snow and ice didn't stop the scouts and their partners from hiking through the woods, sledding, and checking out the stars. While everyone pitched in with the chores, the "Wolves" took over the Saturday breakfast duties in order to complete one of their Wolf achievements. The Scouts are now looking forward to their April spring camping trip, which will include tenting as well as cabins.

"Weigh-Down" Program To Begin At St. David's

Don't be a slave to food any longer. God does not intend for food to control us, but sometimes we let this happen.

Join us at St. David's Episcopal Church for a free, no-obligation orientation about the "Weigh-Down" Program. You may have seen this program highlighted on ABC TV. Orientation will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This is a 12-week program for both men and women. For registration fee, participants receive their own manuals and audiocassettes for home study.

Classes will begin April 28th at 9:00 a.m. and April 29th at 7:30 p.m. Since materials must be ordered before the start of class, individuals must be registered two weeks before the first class.

For more information about this exciting program, please call Sharon at (860) 668-8701 or the Currans at (413) 568-4589.

Operation Friendship To Hold Dinner And Mystery Production

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program will be presenting "She Should've Seen it Coming" on April 10th and 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The plot involves a fortune teller who gives advice to some interesting personalities. Some of the characters you'll meet include the poor widowed Baroness, mother's boy Gilbert Nerdlike, Psychic Chum' Network's spokesperson, Dijon Warwick, Boom Boom, the human cannonball, and the famous psychic Madame Voyant.

Is she for real? Will a pending lawsuit against her find success? Come and find out. AND, help solve a crime ... Yes, the audience will be counted on to help Inspector Tousleau solve a very baffling crime.

Tickets are \$15 and include the show and a full dinner. The menu for the evening is a choice of entree (roast beef, capon, or vegetarian lasagna), tossed salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, dessert, and beverage. Call 786-8743 or 786-9780 for reservations.

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Jesus Didn't Have To Die
For Our Sins On Good Friday

Imagine that you are swimming in a large mountain lake. It is a hot and muggy summer day. Being a mountain lake, the water is cooler than you're used to, but refreshing nonetheless.

You are enjoying yourself so much as you swim far away from the shore that you don't notice a deep fog bank crossing the water towards you. Suddenly, you are enveloped by the fog, and have lost contact with the land.

In the midst of the fog, you can hear the rumbling of cars on the mountain road and the joyful noise of children playing, but the sounds are muffled and you cannot distinguish where they are coming from. You swim this way for a few moments, then that.

A sense of lostness, accompanied by either panic or resignation, sets in. Then you hear a voice, calling your name repeatedly, coming from the shore. You can follow the sound of the voice to safety. Relief!

Ever since the first act of rebellion by our ancestors in the Garden of Eden, a deep fog of sin has settled over humankind. The rumble of heaven could be heard over the years and centuries, but for the most part, most people either couldn't or wouldn't derive a sense of direction to safety.

Then, as the Bible puts it, **when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law.**

God didn't have to do that. Jesus was under no obligation whatsoever to us. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking on the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

In other words, while Jesus was sitting upon His throne of glory in heaven, being worshipped by countless myriads of angelic beings, He said something like this to them: "You'll have to excuse Me. I must go to the earth; I simply cannot stand by and watch humankind self destruct. I must redeem them!"

Some of the angels followed along; before they turned back to heaven they were observed by the shepherds, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!"

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son. He is the exact imprint of God's very being.

Jesus reaches into the fog and across the chasm which has separated us from God. None of us is beyond the loving embrace of God. God once asked Moses, "Has the Lord's arm been shortened?" People caused the problem of sin in the world, but we are powerless to solve the problem now. Only God can do that.

"Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. There is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior, there is no one besides Me."

The fact that Jesus was willing to set aside the glorious splendor of heaven to come to earth, and then to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sin that first Good Friday, speaks volumes about the love of God towards us.

What was His motivation? The Book of Hebrews tells us, when it describes Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. It was our sin which created the need for the Son of God to die on the cross to redeem us; but it was the love of God which drove Him to do it.

Beloved, do we yet realize, that it is the joy of the Lord to redeem us and to give us new life, which will last forever? Happy Easter!

Shoe Sale To Be Held At St. John's Church On April 6th

A shoe sale sponsored by St. John's Guild will be held Tuesday evening, April 6th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the parish center, Main St., Agawam.

All new women's shoes are offered at the low price of \$12. The sale is open to the public.

Mount Carmel School To Host Annual Tag Sale On April 17th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School PTO's annual tag sale will be held April 17th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Tables are available to rent. Something for everyone - household items, toys, BEANIES (common and retired!!). Proceeds to benefit the PTO.

For information, call Gisella Grimaldi at 736-4431 or Maryann Calabrese at 782-0578.






'Feast Of Divine Mercy' At Immaculate Conception Church

Immaculate Conception Church, 425 Main Street, West Springfield, will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 11th at a special Mass.


The event will begin at 12:00 noon with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions followed by the blessing of the Divine Mercy picture and Mass.

All are welcome to attend.


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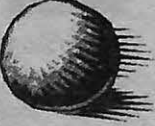


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DEBORAH MCCARTHY (left), Assistant Vice President of Westfield Bank, presents a check for \$10,000 to Keithley Wilkinson, Executive Director of the Center of Hope.

Westfield Bank Contributes \$10,000 To The Center of Hope At Noble House

Donald A. Williams, Westfield Bank President, has announced that a contribution, in the amount of \$10,000, has been given to the Center of Hope at Noble House. This cancer support community organization has, so far, served over 160 people with support groups, relaxation groups, and monthly lectures.

At the check presentation, Deborah McCarthy, Assistant Vice President, noted, "Westfield Bank is concerned with helping families in their time of need. The Center of Hope provides that needed help during a difficult and stressful period."

Ms. Keithley Wilkinson, Executive Director of

the Center of Hope, exclaimed upon receiving the check, "Thank you from all of us who will benefit from this generous donation."

Westfield Bank is one of the largest community banks in the area with assets of more than \$580 million. The bank, founded in 1853, maintains its headquarters in Westfield.

Branches are located in West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick, and East Longmeadow. A location in downtown Springfield is scheduled to open this spring.

Molta Associates Attend Coldwell Int'l Conference

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates attended the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation International Business Conference in San Diego, California held March 7th-9th.

Approximately 7,000 COLDWELL BANKER sales associates, brokers, managers, and employees attended the event that featured headline entertainer Jay Leno, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation President and CEO Alex Perriello, and speaker General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, U.S. Army, Retired.

Highlighting the conference was the launch of the COLDWELL BANKER Concierge program and its bold new "I AM COLDWELL BANKER" national advertising campaign.

The COLDWELL BANKER Concierge program is a groundbreaking, value-added program targeted to the busy homebuyer and seller. COLDWELL BANKER offices that offer the service centrally facilitate or refer customers to service providers and vendors that can help the many details of a consumer's move from utilities hook-up and cleaning services to home improvement vendors.

The conference also featured information packed educational courses and seminars, which focused on helping brokers and sales associates continue to provide the highest level of service for their clients.

"The IBC gave us an opportunity to attend dozens of valuable seminars that featured some of today's most accomplished business authors and real estate industry educators," said Robert P. Molta, President.

"Through these educational courses, we are able to polish our skills as real estate professionals and learn about cutting edge techniques and technology available to us.

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Legal Memo

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Negligence

Slip & Fall—Snow & Ice—Supermarket

In 1996, the plaintiff (a deliveryman) drove to the defendant's supermarket to make a delivery. It was snowing lightly and by the time he arrived, approximately one-quarter inch of snow had accumulated.

Because the supermarket was undergoing construction, there was only one loading dock open. The deliveryman unloaded his truck, pulled away from the dock, and parked his truck. He got out of his truck and began wading towards the loading dock. He slipped and fell three feet from the stairs to the loading dock.

In order to establish negligence with respect to a slip and fall on ice or snow, the plaintiff must prove that he fell on an unnatural accumulation of snow or ice. A landowner is not negligent for failing to remove a natural accumulation of snow or ice. The law only imposes liability where "some act or failure to act has changed the condition of naturally accumulated snow and ice."

At trial, there was no evidence presented which would establish that an unnatural accumulation of snow and ice existed on the property. There was some speculation as to the source and make-up of the snow and ice upon which the plaintiff fell. The plaintiff testified that as recently as one or two days before his fall, he observed the supermarket's employees dumping buckets of ice from the deli cases onto the ground in the area where he fell.

However, the plaintiff also testified that he did not know whether the ice he fell on was the result of the dumping of ice or the weather. Mere speculation is insufficient to establish a reasonable inference. The plaintiff's own testimony is that he slipped while walking on a smooth area covered by half an inch of freshly fallen snow. There was no evidence from which an inference could be drawn that the supermarket's employees in their action or failure to act "changed the condition of naturally accumulated snow and ice."

Having given full credit to all testimony introduced in favor of the plaintiff, the Court was still unable to say that the patch of snow and ice was anything other than a natural accumulation of snow and ice. The plaintiff failed to meet this burden at trial. As such, the supermarket cannot be liable for the plaintiff's injuries.

Attorney Alan Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Because the previous workshops have been filled to capacity, the public is now invited to attend either the morning session (9:30 to 11:00 a.m.) or the early afternoon session (12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.). The seminars will take place at the West Springfield Professional Center, located at 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield, MA.

Topics to be discussed will include understanding the many benefits of the VA Loan Program for both first-time and move-up homebuyers; understanding points and closing costs and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this 90-minute seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop will include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

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Gain More Personal Time...

Several weeks ago, my son, Michael, and I were talking about the many things that we have done to add "time" into our lives. It has enabled us to accomplish more, and in fewer hours.

To help you spend more hours enjoying yourself (and fewer hours buried in chores), I've compiled a list of some of these time-saving tips. Some will save an hour a day, others will save only minutes. But those minutes all add up. Choose the tips that work for you and start gaining some extra time in your life.

Write a To-Do List: I keep a running list in my computer of all the many things that pop into my mind throughout the day. I break them down into categories (phone calls, car, home, computer, my family, my personal goals, etc.) and I prioritize them throughout the day. As soon as a thought enters my head, I write it down. I believe this allows me to constantly be thinking, and I don't have to worry about remembering anything. It's my way of life.

Write a Not To-Do List: Include tasks that can be delegated, things done just to please others, and jobs whose completion is of little consequence. What would happen if someone else did the job, or it wasn't done? If the answer is nothing, cross it off your list.

Saying "NO" can be an effective time management tool: People who have trouble saying no will be constantly overloaded by others.

When you're finished using or wearing something, put it away: Teach your children, your fellow employees (everyone!) to put things away in their proper location immediately when they are done. You'll cut down on the time that you spend looking for things and straightening out clutter.

Learn to delegate: I always ask myself if the task can be done by someone else, either another member of my family, someone else at the office, or even paying someone else to do the work. When delegating, you must be specific: (1) Describe the job completely. (2) Set a deadline/time limits. (3) Make sure the person understands specifically what you want them to do. (4) Follow-up and check their work.

Turn the TV off: I remember reading that the average person watches about six hours a day of

TV. Remember, time spent watching the tube is free time, so unless you really want to watch the program, turn the TV off. Also, if the program is important to you, tape it using your VCR. Don't let your life rotate around the particular time a show is on. Tape it and watch it at your convenience.

Don't answer the phone: Screen your calls. Leave your answering machine on at all times, and pick up the phone only when necessary, and when you have the time and inclination to talk. This will prevent you from getting entangled in time-consuming calls from chatty friends. Get it in your head that when the phone rings, you don't have to answer it!

Group your errands geographically: If you're using your "To-Do List" properly, you have grouped all the places you have to travel in your car. If you have three places to go in a certain vicinity, you should run those errands at the same time. Every time you go out, look at your "To-Do List" and work your priorities.

Car time: I keep a mini-tape recorder by my side at all times. I get a tremendous amount of my thinking done during these periods, and I dictate most of my letters/messages/important ideas. Also, I suggest that you visit the Agawam Town Library. They have a wide variety of self-help audio cassettes available. Browse through their selection. You won't believe what they have on tape. Use your car time to learn! (P.S. Always fill up your gas tank. Wasting time making several trips to the gas station throughout the week for small amounts of gas doesn't make sense.)

Sleep time: I learned a long time ago to develop my system (my body) to live on five to six hours of sleep per day. When compared to others that sleep eight to nine hours a day, I instantly have an additional one to two hours available daily. Try setting your alarm clock (you use one, don't you?) one-half hour earlier than normal for two to three weeks. If, after that time you still feel good throughout the day, try setting the alarm clock another half hour earlier. If you can add hours to your week, think of how happy you would be.

Buy a computer: When I bought my first computer in 1989, I wasn't really sure what I would do with it, but I did know that it would turn into an important part of my life. Today, we have two full computer systems in our house, and 'I can't live without them.' Take a Sunday afternoon, and go out to investigate what computers can do for you.

Buy a cordless phone: You can move around do other chores while shooting the breeze.

These are just several of the dozens of areas that have helped me save/make time. If you're as fortunate as I am to have additional time available, the key is to then spend this time doing things that make you happy. As an incentive, make a list of what you want to do with this new found time, and then follow through.

From CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate...

According To Sellers, Silence Isn't Always Golden

When trying to sell a home, silence isn't always golden, especially when you're expecting your real estate agent to call. In fact, it's one of the leading complaints among sellers in the real estate market.

Oftentimes, you find an agent who is more than willing to take on your listing, but once the relationship is made, the seller enjoys getting a call at least once a week.

"A seller should establish with the agent up front the expectation that regular communication will occur. Even if it's just to check-in, the seller will be more satisfied being kept 'in the loop,'" said John Schuler, Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located at 820 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA.

Keeping the communication lines open between the two parties assures the seller that the agent is keeping them apprised of any and all offers. In addition, agents often provide valuable tips on why prospective buyers weren't interested.

Oftentimes, an agent is privy to the buyer's dislikes of the property. For instance, "this room's too dark" or "the kitchen has a funny smell." This allows the agent to give the seller constructive feedback and offer important tips on how to make the home more attractive to future buyers.

If you're a seller and are not hearing from your agent, be sure to keep calling them until they get the message that you expect a regular update. If the agent doesn't return your calls, leave a message for your agent's office manager or broker. The manager will see to it that your agent becomes more attentive to your listing.

Selling a home can be a lot of work and sometimes quite stressful. It is incumbent upon an agent to satisfy the seller's expectations of routine updates; this will ensure the possibility of future business, not to mention a successful sale.

Furthermore, as a seller you must demand the communication exchange between you and your agent. If both parties work in a cooperative effort, the selling experience will be more successful and enjoyable for both the agent and the seller involved.

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Barbara Adornato Selected To Join Coldwell Banker's International President's Circle

Barbara Adornato of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has been selected to join the company's International President's Circle, a prestigious honor bestowed upon only five percent of the more than 69,000 COLDWELL BANKER Sales Associates worldwide.

As a member of the company's International President's Circle, Barbara will be extended an invitation to attend the company's "Elite Retreat," a three-day conference exclusively for the company's top-producing Sales Associates.

Barbara was recently recognized at the com-

pany's International Business Conference, held recently in San Diego, California. More than 7,000 COLDWELL BANKER Sales Associates, brokers, managers, and employees attended the event that featured speaker General Norman Schwarzkopf and headline entertainer Jay Leno.

"The International President's Circle recognizes those COLDWELL BANKER Sales Associates whose sales performance and dedication are exceptional," said Alex Periello, President and CEO of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "Barbara has proven to be an invaluable asset to our organization."

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**Timely Tips On
How To Manage
Your Finances**

by Sue N. Alvanos
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**What Women Should Know About
Keeping A Successful Business Thriving**

Women business owners have clearly made their mark on the U.S. economy. According to the Small Business Administration, women now own nearly 40 percent of all firms in the U.S. These eight-million companies employ one in every five U.S. workers and contribute \$2.3 trillion to the economy.

If you are among the successful female entrepreneurs who have weathered the ups and downs of start-up and growth, it may be time to face the new challenges associated with operating a mature, healthy business. If so, here are some things to think about as you move to the next stage of the business life cycle:

Adapt to changing environments. As your business matures, the way that you manage your assets, provide benefits, structure your entity, and stay competitive require both flexibility and agility. The smartest way to think of your business plan is "work in progress."

Examine your employee benefits package. A competitive benefits package is an important factor in attracting and retaining good employees. But it's no secret that the rising cost of benefits hits small business owners especially hard. Here are a few benefits you may be able to offer and still contain costs:

A retirement plan is a favored benefit because it provides significant earnings leverage, as both the contributions and earnings are tax-deferred until withdrawn. A plan is most effective when the employer contributes, but options are also available where the employer is not required to make contributions.

Group disability protection can be a surprisingly affordable benefit that relieves your company of the pressure of continuing the salary of a disabled employee. Your business may pay for the protection or give employees the option of purchasing it.

Group medical insurance has become one of the most highly sought-after employee benefits. Companies often pay a percentage of the premium due to the high cost of coverage.

A cafeteria plan enables employees to pay their portion of medical insurance and other qualified benefits with before-tax dollars. There are bottom-line benefits for both the employees and for you.

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Is House Location Important???

The ease or difficulty of selling a home depends on three factors: location, price, and condition of the property.

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If you are thinking of buying another house, a highly desirable location will be most helpful when you plan to resell the property. The few extra dollars you have to pay per month for the location should return good dividends at resale time.

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Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center Is Humming With Activity

Things are humming for local martial arts instructor and fifth-degree Tae-Kwon Do black belt Ray Shugart these days at his facility located in Feeding Hills, directly across the street from the Agawam Police Station.

First, he has renamed his Hwang's School of Tae-Kwon Do to Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center. Last month, Shugart ended his 25-year affiliation with Master Hwang due to differing business philosophies and for his desire to continue to expand his business into other areas.

"It broke my heart to do this, but due to a change in philosophies with Master Hwang, the time came for my school to go off on its own. We have many exciting challenges in front of us and I am gratified the response from my students has been so positive," Shugart told us.

On any given evening, the four large training rooms at Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center are bustling with activity. Children, teens, and adults are training in Tae-Kwon Do in one room, yoga in another, and the growing kardio kickboxing continues to bring new faces to Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center all the time. He added kardio kickboxing in April 1998. He calls these classes "kardio kickboxing for real. Try our workout and you will know exactly what I mean," he said. Kardio kickboxing is offered six days a week with four mornings available (as well as the popular evening programs, for a total of 16 classes per week).

Tae-Kwon Do, of course, is where Shugart has gained his reputation over the years. He began teaching the discipline in his basement 25 years ago. He is five-time national Tae-Kwon Do team manager (two adult teams, three junior teams) and has competed in 31 countries. He has trained police and military personnel. His studio has been a place where parents have brought children with discipline problems to learn self-discipline, respect for others, and sportsmanship through this martial art.

"The high quality of my school will not only be maintained, but will be increased this year. We are not just some little karate school. I am a self-motivator and believe in discipline and respect. We have excellent instructors here to help me with the training and I am excited about what lies ahead of us," Shugart said.

Shugart is bringing the Tai-Chi discipline to his training center with instructor Bi Ching Lee in the near future. (This is a slow movement exercise known as "moving meditation.") A six-week self-defense program starts on Thursday evening, April 22nd for both men and women. "This is a basic self-defense program that stresses awareness," he said.

"The direction we are returning to is getting back to the basics as far as the martial arts are concerned," Shugart said. "Discipline, respect, and commitment are being stressed over and over again with our martial arts programs. We already have scheduled to participate in more tournaments, both locally and regionally."

More and more families are heading over to

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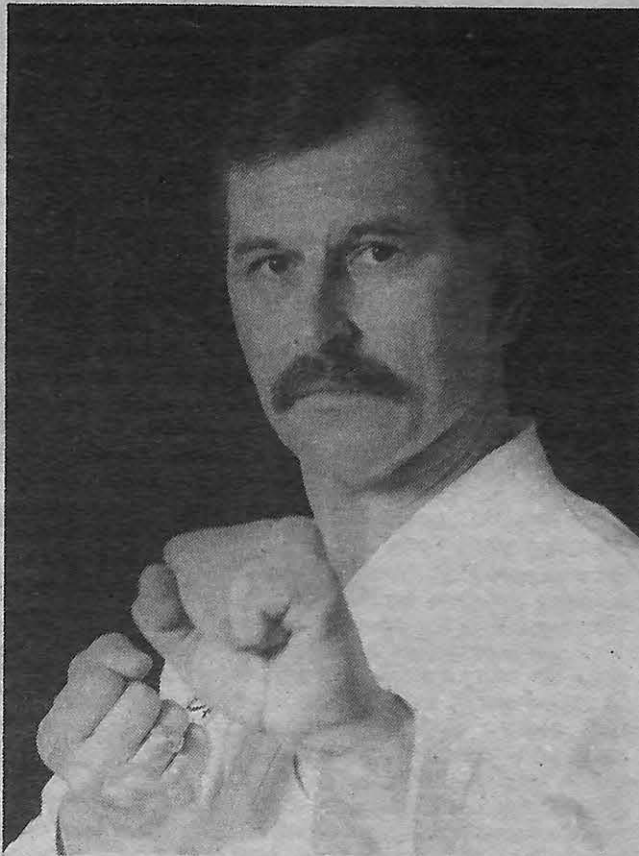
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Chris is a resident of East Longmeadow, is married, and has two children.

Chris can best be reached during the daytime hours at his office; his phone number is 731-6800, and his fax number is 731-6881. In addition, Chris can be reached via email at camerlin@relink.net.

For more information about Chris and **THE PIONEER GROUP**, please visit their web site at www.pioneer-group.com.

Best local news...



RAY SHUGART

Shugart's all the time to participate in the many programs available. "We have diversified so both mom and dad are coming in with their kids to utilize our facility and it's just been lots of fun for everyone."

Shugart is giving his facility another facelift by reconstructing his front entrance and by taking down several walls to open the place up to maximize existing space.

On Saturday, May 1st, a "promotional test" will take place at 3:00 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein. Shugart cordially invites the public to attend this event.

For more information on any of the programs at Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center, call 786-4158 or stop by and pay a visit to get a first-hand look at why people at the facility are so upbeat.

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Protect your business with insurance. Even though law requires little in the way of insurance for small businesses, landlords and suppliers are likely to require some coverage. Yet the Insurance Information Institute in New York estimates that about 40 percent of small business owners are either uninsured or are grossly underinsured. You can avoid a disaster that could wreak havoc with your assets by considering:

A standard business owner's policy (BOP) that provides coverage for property, liability, and business interruption. BOPs are designed for small service and manufacturing businesses, not for professionals such as consultants, lawyers, or accountants. Because the components of each policy are different, be sure to see that yours covers the provisions you need.

Product liability insurance protects you in case one of your products harms a user. It is recommended for businesses like toy makers, candy manufacturers, caterers, food sellers, and garment makers. This coverage may be covered on your BOP, but if not, you may purchase it separately.

Business overhead protection is much like personal disability insurance except that the benefit payments go to the business instead of the owner. This coverage is intended to pay ongoing expenses like rent and utilities if the owner can't be actively involved due to disability.

Key person insurance protects the business in the event of the owner's death or the death of another key manager. This coverage pays a death benefit to the business so it can withstand the loss and pay the costs of finding a replacement.

Preparing for transition. Like most people, you probably don't plan to work the rest of your life. If not, you may want to plan for your business transition now to smooth the way later on. Perhaps you would like to sell your company to an outside entity or have a family member or close associate continue the business in your absence. In any case, you'll need to determine the value of your business. To prepare a business valuation, you'll need to seek the advice of experts who can look at your operation objectively and provide you with supporting documentation that fulfills IRS requirements.

With some thoughtful planning, your successful business can flourish in the future as well as the present. Don't forget to call on outside resources when you need professional advice. Your financial advisor, attorney, and accountant can be a team to rely on as you face the changing needs of the marketplace.

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What Is Sciatica???

Question: An earlier-than-normal spring season has found me raking and picking up the yard weeks earlier than usual. I am now painfully aware of hip and back ache.

After bending or sitting, the pain runs down the back of the leg and I even have a little numbness in my foot. Can chiropractic help?

Answer: Sciatica is a frequently misunderstood condition. It's cause is often improperly diagnosed and improperly treated.

Actually, sciatica is a painful irritation of the largest nerve in the body, which supplies the tissues of the thigh, lower leg, and foot. It is most often caused by the pinching of one or more of the nerve roots (beginnings of a nerve) where they exit from the spine.

The most common cause of pinching is due to structural misalignment of the lower vertebrae of the spine, or pressure being exerted on the nerve root by a disc. A disc may rupture, protrude, herniate, or bulge and result in mechanical irritation to the nerve root.

Since the sciatic nerve is so large (about as big around as the thumb), interference or irritation along its course can cause a variety of symptoms. It may cause crippling pain. Or it may be more subtle and result in numbness, a "pins and needles" sensation, burning, or a crawling sensation.

Many times the leg feels weak, and the foot may "drop" or drag. If the nerve remains pinched for a long period of time, the muscles of the leg may become permanently reduced in size (atrophy). Sciatica is commonly associated with low back pain, and the individual may have a history of a weak back.

Treating sciatica with pain killers and muscle relaxers may provide temporary relief. However, no drugs can correct an underlying structural cause. Rarely do misaligned vertebrae or disc problems correct themselves spontaneously and permanently.

While surgery may be recommended following positive CT scan or MRI, it is wise to remember that surgical intervention (especially in the spine) is to be considered a radical procedure and should be performed ONLY as a last resort. Only rarely is it necessary for a patient to undergo surgery.

The chiropractor uses no pain-killing drugs, so when pain is relieved the patient can be sure the doctor is correcting the underlying cause and not just the pain symptoms. The doctor of chiropractic is a well-trained professional with a variety of methods of conservative treatment of sciatica.

Should your problem require an alternative treatment, your chiropractor will refer you to the appropriate physician.

If sciatic problems persist, call the SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE, 192 Shoemaker Lane, tel. no. (413) 789-1369. We care about you!

Fitness Tips...

What's Stopping You?

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Fitness Director, Fitness First

How many of you have started fitness programs and stopped? How many of you have done that a few times? How many of you hate to start working out because you hate the feeling of "failing"? How many of you have started, and for some reason you are starting to miss class, choosing other activities or just getting too busy to fit it in? It's okay, keep reading.

Increasing your overall activity, regular exercise, has got to become a lifestyle. I'm sure you've heard this before. It has got to be a regular habit. In order for this to happen, it can't be something you start on a feeling. This needs to be contemplated, thought out, goals written, plan made, and action taken.

Now, what stopped you before? Where did the flow break down? What happened? There are a lot of areas that can be the weak link. Did you have clear goals, written and reviewed regularly? Did you have your own reasons for exercise? Was your plan strong? Did you research the chosen activity so it would be the correct route to reach your goals?

Evaluate what you've done before. If you want something in your life to change, you've got to be the one to change. If you change, then the circumstances change.

Don't waste energy on, "I can't, I've tried that," or any other excuse. A barrier or obstacle is one thing; an excuse is another. Childcare, time restraints, and ignorance are common barriers. What's stopping you?

Contemplate what you want. Think about it for a bit. What can you do differently this time? Prepare, write some goals, make them short-term and long-term. Make your goals measurable. Make your goals result in satisfaction.

Whether you'll be satisfied with feeling better or weight loss, make yourself happy. Make your goals realistic; challenging but not impossible. Take action, don't jump in, stay in control of the entire situation.

Maintain your plan. Consult professionals regularly and as needed. Don't ask the guy lifting next to you just because he looks like he knows. Ask the people who get paid to answer questions.

Get support at home, at work, everywhere! If someone is the barrier or obstacle, find a way to spend as little time with them as possible. Surround yourself with positives — people and environment. Refuse to stop, and soon it will be habit.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you — AAN!!!

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Chiropractic Care

by
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Hope & The Healing Process

Easter and spring are here. What a great time of year; a time of renewal and a time of hope. Hope plays a big part in the healing process.

When people are discouraged or depressed, it certainly affects the healing process. When people are given hope about their condition, there is a positive healing process. We know the mind and body are connected. The mind has an incredible healing power.

Think about when you may not have been feeling so great mentally, perhaps a time of a great deal of stress in your life. Think about how your body felt during that time. Pretty lousy, huh? Likewise, when life has been going well, you feel good, both physically and mentally.

This is a very strong connection. I see this in my office every day. When people are stressed, it certainly is evident in the muscles of the body. Occasionally, I will get somebody who has been living with chronic pain for many years.

Often, they will say that the doctor told them they have arthritis, or chronic bursitis, or degeneration. These people started to live like they had these problems.

Many times, this diagnosis wasn't even accurate. The doctor never took x-rays or did a full exam. When the patient questioned a certain pain, the doctor said it was probably arthritis.

So, the patient started to live like they had arthritis. They would limit activities for fear of increasing the pain. This would, of course, make matters worse. The person would come into the office and after a full examination and x-rays, there would be no signs of any arthritis, degeneration, or other chronic diseases.

It's important not to accept a label or condition arbitrarily. Ask yourself why you are experiencing pain. Maybe it's not due to the arthritis, but rather the extra 20 pounds put on over the last few years. Maybe, just maybe, you have a beautiful spine and body, but you let your mind believe otherwise.

Think about the cause of your pain, don't just accept it! You may be creating it!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at 850 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820 for questions.

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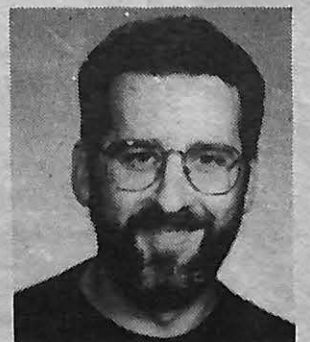
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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Weight Management: Strategies For Success

One in every three Americans is fighting the weight loss battle. Tipping the energy balance scale in favor of using more calories than you consume is the bottom line for losing weight.

Sounds easy! Then why are so many people losing the weight loss battle instead of the weight? Whether you have tried to lose weight on your own or with the help of an organized program, the focus is too often on severely restrictive diets and unrealistic goals.

Not being able to reach these goals can set you up for an endless cycle of failure and discouragement. Also, extremely limited food choices may trigger binge eating, which can undermine your efforts.

Increase your chances for success by focusing on *managing your weight*. Weight management involves adopting a lifestyle that includes a healthful eating plan and regular physical activity. The key to managing weight throughout life is a positive attitude and the right kind of motivation.

Internal motivators such as health, increased energy, self-esteem, and personal control increase your chances for lifelong weight management success. Your physician can help determine the appropriate type of weight management plan for you. A registered dietitian can tailor a plan to meet your individual needs and show you how to follow these strategies for long-term success.

Strategy 1: Make health, not appearance, your weight management priority. A realistic goal is to achieve a healthy weight, not necessarily the lowest weight you can reach or an "ideal" weight from a chart.

Strategy 2: Focus on a healthy eating style, not on "dieting." Dieting usually lasts for only the short-term and rarely produces long-term success.

Strategy 3: Eating for good health and eating to control weight are virtually the same. Choosing a healthful eating plan that includes a variety of food choices from the Food Guide Pyramid can accomplish both objectives. All foods can fit into a nutritious, reduced-calorie eating plan, rich in foods with complex carbohydrates and fiber, like whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, and low in fat.

You can feel full and satisfied with the suggested number of servings from each food group:

six to 11 servings of bread, cereal, rice, or pasta; two to three servings of fruits; three to five servings of vegetables; two to three servings of milk, yogurt, or cheese; and five to seven ounces of lean meat, poultry, fish, or meat alternatives such as dried beans, eggs, peanut butter, or nuts.

The number of servings you need depends on your age, gender, activity level, and weight loss goals. Usually for weight management, you should choose serving amounts from the lower end of the range for each food group.

Strategy 4: People who keep physically active are more successful at losing and keeping off extra pounds. A physically active lifestyle offers many rewards in addition to weight management, such as heart health, strong bones, and stress relief.

For weight management, experts recommend a combined total of 30 minutes of moderate activity on most days. Smaller amounts are OK, but try to accumulate at least 30 minutes a day. If you haven't been physically active, build up the time gradually.

Focus on increasing daily physical activity rather than setting unrealistic "exercise" goals. Pick an activity that you enjoy and are likely to continue, such as a brisk walk in the morning or a swim after work. Before beginning any exercise program, however, be sure to consult your physician.

Strategy 5: Prescription medications may be part of a weight management program for obese patients that also includes nutrition counseling from a registered dietitian and regular physical activity. Prescription medications for weight loss generally reduce appetite, making it easier to control food intake. Talk with your physician to learn about possible side effects and to determine if prescription medications should be part of your weight management program.

Putting It All Together: To make sure your weight management plan is safe and effective, ask yourself a few questions before you begin. Does your plan

- * include a variety of foods from all five major groups in the Food Guide Pyramid?

- * include appealing foods you will enjoy eating for the rest of your life, not just a few weeks or months?

- * include foods available at the supermarket where you usually shop?

- * allow you to eat your favorite foods in moderation?

- * recommend changes in your eating habits that also fit your lifestyle and budget?

- * include at least the minimum number of servings from the Food Guide Pyramid?

- * include regular physical activity?

If you can answer yes to all these questions, chances are your weight-loss program will allow you to achieve long-term success.

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"Let's Talk About It"

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FEEDBACK

I received a letter and informational resource package from an *Advertiser News* reader in reference to my column entitled, "What is Family Therapy?"

The author describes residing on a mental health board and being a loving parent to a child with a mental illness. To paraphrase the concern presented in the letter, it referenced my statement, "...when these family of origin rules (one's functioning position in the family) become problematic, they often take shape in the numerous symptoms of our day: abuse, addictions, anorexia, depression, employment dissatisfaction, infidelity, parenting concerns, schizophrenia, suicide, etc."

The letter critiqued, "...surely you do not believe that biologically-based brain disorders, such as major depression and schizophrenia, are **caused** by problematic family of origin roles...equating these serious neurobiological disorders...with sociological problems!"

The letter continued to weigh in on the side that one's functioning position or family role 'does not cause' these or other serious mental illnesses. The author correctly points out that advances in the fields of neurobiology, genetics, and the like, as well as within the overall medical community, offer significant information and medical 'causality' attributable to mental disorders. I reviewed the package of information provided to me. It outlines various research and medical treatment models for the ill person, as well as relationship support and information for the other family members to care for themselves as completely as possible.

What is important to keep in front of you, the consumer, for me to hear as the column's author and where the letter's author and I agree is that it is very important to present information about mental health to the community as responsibly and accurately as possible. The goal of my column is to advance a family systems perspective that accurately informs and enhances dialogue with you in a context that values other fields with their research and expertise.

All fields of study don't always agree about how best to care for our relationship questions and their implications over time. To this end, a goal of the Family Therapy field is to collaborate as best as possible with other mental health providers and the larger system toward providing helpful

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Melconian Protects Healthcare Consumers

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Senate passed a comprehensive HMO reform bill on Thursday, March 25, 1999.

The bill is strongly pro-consumer. It gives control of health decisions back to the patient by creating an appeal process for insurer decisions, granting the right to sue insurers when they are guilty of malpractice, and establishing that physicians will have sole responsibility for making medical decisions, subject to the terms of the policy.

"Senate Bill 1741 protects millions of HMO customers across the state and returns medical decisions to where they belong - in the hands of doctors and patients," said Melconian. "Insurers should have no place in deciding whether a procedure or drug is medically necessary."

Complaints by consumers and doctors that insurers were meddling in medical decisions spurred the Senate's action. Doctors reported that insurance representatives who are often based halfway across the country decided whether to pay for procedures without ever seeing the patient. They also maintained that these attempted cost-saving measures often backfire, requiring the patient to have more costly, and painful, surgery later on.

In addition to increased oversight and liability provisions, the Senate bill creates a variety of other protections for consumers and doctors. These include a Managed Care Oversight Board to monitor HMO practices, required coverage for emergency room visits, and an independent appeal process for decisions to deny care.

A final provision of the bill protects healthcare workers who report patient abuses. This "whistleblower" provision of the bill means doctors, nurses, and other medical care workers who report negligent patient care, understaffing, and any other dangerous practices will not have to fear being harassed by their employer or losing their job.

"Senate 1741 protects consumers from the mentality that it is better to save a few dollars now, never mind the thousands it may cost in future treatment," Melconian said. "It lets caring doctors and nurses do what they do best; heal the sick. Finally, it gives the citizens of Massachusetts, not an insurance provider, the ultimate control over their own health decisions."

Noble Hospital's Health Dept. Has Lyme Disease Vaccine

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is spread by the bite of a certain kind of tick, often called the deer tick.

Lyme disease can lead to potentially dangerous health problems. For the first time, there is a vaccine available to ward off this disease. If you are interested in receiving this vaccine or in more information, please contact Noble Hospital's Occupational Health Department at 572-5084. There is a charge for this vaccine.

Who is at risk for Lyme disease? Lyme disease is spreading across the country with the greatest concentration being in the Northeast, upper Midwest, and Pacific Coastal areas. Individuals at risk for Lyme disease are those who are active outdoors gardening, walking dogs, hiking, golfing, working, hunting, doing yard work, or just living near grassy fields or woods.

Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose and if left untreated, can lead to serious joint and neurological conditions. The vaccine is available for individuals age 15 to 70. Although vaccination is the best way to prevent Lyme disease, people should also follow some tick-avoidance measures, such as wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks when in the outdoors to prevent tick bites, and also conduct regular checks on exposed skin and clothing.

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Premier Parks for property located on Main Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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resources and solutions for both the individual with a mental illness and/or relationship problem and the family members challenged to live in relationship with them.

Family Therapy's strength is its focus on relationship dynamics within a multi-generational, multicultural, gender-sensitive context. It also tracks how the overall functioning within families over time contributes to, 'not causes,' today's presenting concerns.

Certainly, severe mental illness requires in-depth collaboration among the various fields to care for the ill individual, the whole family, and the community at large. I thank the reader for their counter-balancing response.

We can all be thankful for the medical 'cause & effect' model that provides accurate information

to us about mental illness and other medical conditions that take into account the complex operating systems of the mind, body, spirit, and environment.

The Family Therapy perspective does not seek to work against the medical model. In fact, our "circular, non-linear systems model" seeks to inform individuals, families, and other organizational systems about relationship patterns and varying degrees of functioning levels in them that contribute over time to the overall well-being and/or illness of individuals, families, and society.

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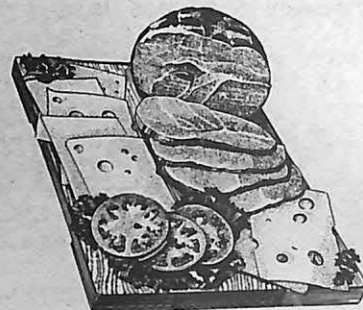
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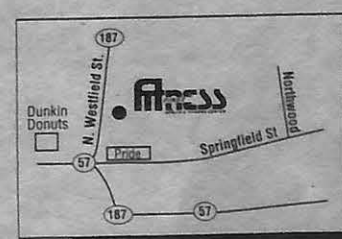
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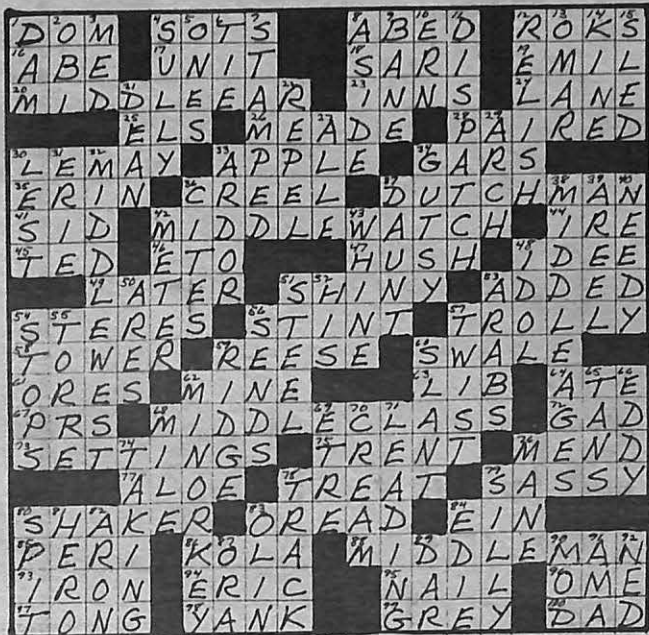


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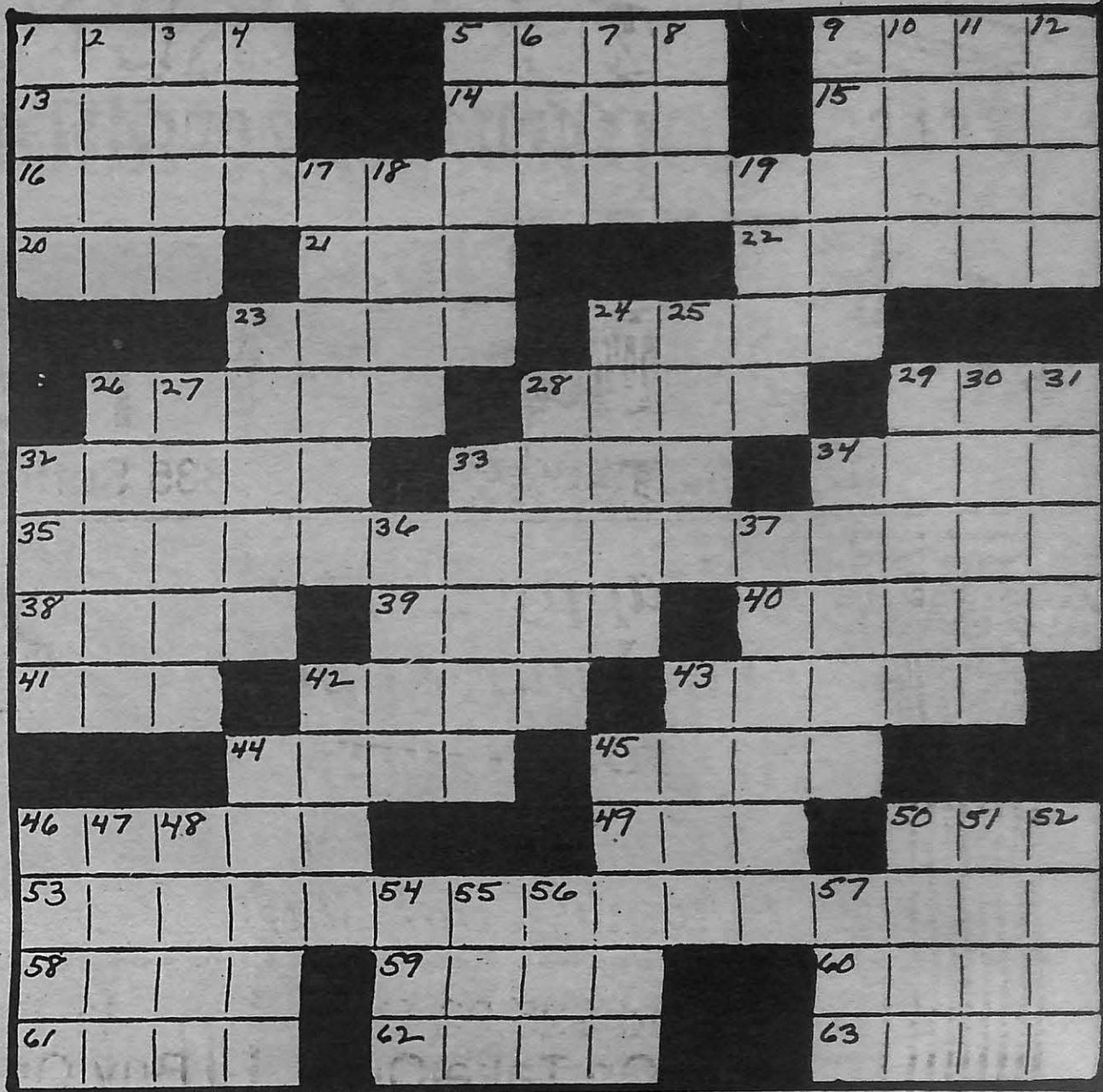
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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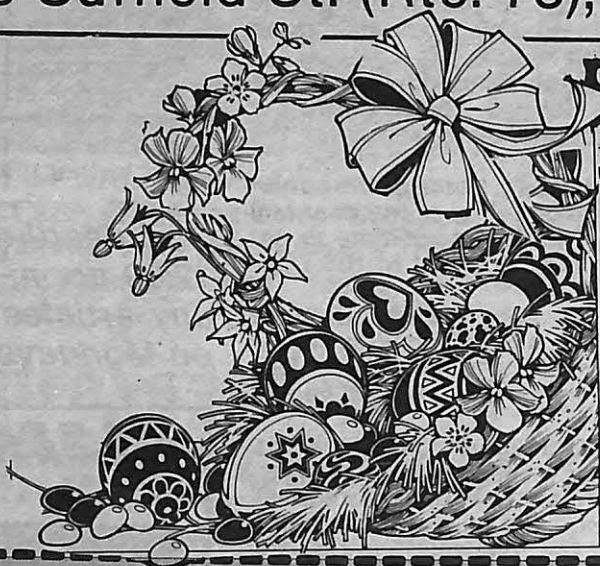


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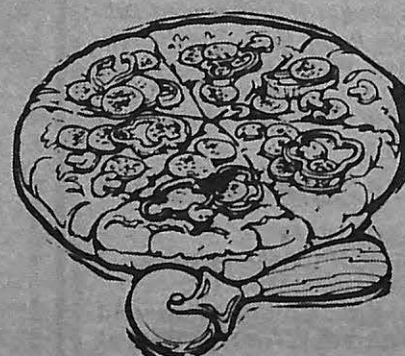
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A Weekly Look At Your Horoscope

by Dale Platenik

Aries (March 21st to April 19th): It's going to be one thing after another this week, Aries. Channel some of that restlessness you're feeling into a creative activity. Bask in doing something you love to do and notice how good it feels.

Taurus (April 20th to May 20th): You've been considering making a change in your life for a long time, but just haven't gotten around to doing it. This week, the universe is going to do it for you. Just remember the adage: "When one door closes, another one is opened."

Gemini (May 21st to June 20th): Expect the unexpected this week, Gemini, and be prepared for a new burst of energy to propel you in any direction you choose to go. This would be a good time to try something new.

Cancer (June 21st to July 22nd): This week will be an interesting week for you. You will have the time to do things for yourself and take care of the needs of others. Enjoy.

Leo (July 23rd to Aug. 22nd): Some of the confusion and frustration you've felt over the past few weeks is going away. This is a good time to get back on track and indulge yourself in the company of good friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23rd to Sept. 22nd): Creative visualization is the process of drawing those things into your life you'd like to have there. This week, meditate on those things. You might be surprised at what happens.

Libra (Sept. 23rd to Oct. 22nd): This week provides the best time you've had in a while to accomplish all those things you know are impossible. As the saying goes, "The only difference between the difficult and the impossible is that the impossible takes a little longer."

Scorpio (Oct. 23rd to Nov. 21st): Your magnanimous personality and generosity with friends and family are noticed this week, Scorpio. Your aggressiveness is viewed as determination and your determination is seen as inspiration.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22nd to Dec. 21st): The reason why the book "The World According to Sagittarians" isn't a best-seller is because life just can't be that perfect. This week, try to relax your standards for other people and be gentle with your associations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22nd to Jan. 19th): If you're feeling a bit closed-in or bogged-down this week, Capricorn, it could be a good time to leap with blind faith and see where the universe lands you. Uncertainty can be exhilarating when used in a positive direction.

Aquarius (Jan. 20th to Feb. 18th): This is going to be a week of opposites. You would like to do something, but you don't know what. You would like to create something, but you don't know what. It could be a good time to just get into all those feelings and learn more about the inner workings of your "self."

Pisces (Feb. 19th to March 20th): King Neptune is going to smile upon all you fishes this week and keep the oceans calm and free of debris. Opportunities are coming your way and you'll be able to recognize them. Swim to what you want.

(Editor's note: Dale Platenik of Holyoke has been an astrologer for 19 years, has taught it and related subjects, and works as a counselor in the field. She does individual Astrology charts based on the time, place, and date of birth. Charts can be natal, progressed, for couple's comparison, or used for business. She can be reached at 539-5934.)

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The staff of The AAN wishes everyone a happy and healthy Easter holiday...

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Sponsored By Agawam Cultural Council...

Young At Heart Chorus Coming To The Middle School

The Young At Heart Chorus is returning for its third performance for the Agawam Cultural Council on Friday, April 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School auditorium.

The Chorus is a unique senior citizen performance group whose members range from 65 years young to 93 years. They have become famous for their interpretations of the music of the 20th century.

One *Boston Globe* reviewer stated that "they're hip, they're hot, they're happening!" Zany impersonations, instrumental improvisations, and audience participation are always key elements in the Young At Heart show.

The members of the group have become international stars since first appearing at an international arts festival in Holland. They were received with open arms and sold-out shows and were asked to return. In 1998, a three-week tour of Holland and Belgium brought more rave reviews. Their enthusiasm and lust for life make their performances enjoyable for all ages.

The performance is free and is part of the First Friday Series sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Parking is available in the back of the school.

For further information, call 786-1859.

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Jr. Women's Club To Hold Storytime With Childhood Characters

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will sponsor a "Storytime with Mickey & Minnie and Friends" on Saturday, April 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.

Club members will dress up as characters, including Mickey & Minnie, Raggedy Ann, and Andy, and read stories to the children.

The event will be for preschoolers, kindergarteners, and first-graders. Admission for children will be \$3 and adults will be free. The proceeds will go to the Agawam Fire Department Thermal Imaging Helmet Fund.

Refreshments will include punch and cookies. Parents, bring your camera to get photos of your child with their favorite characters.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

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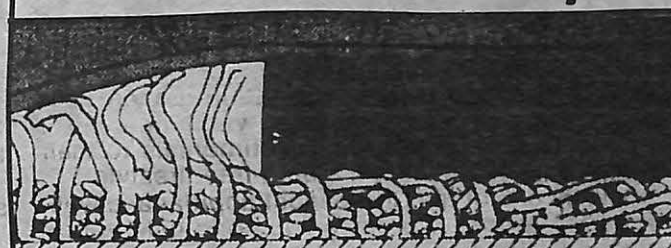
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Education

Information Night Slated At AHS For Next Year's Seniors

On Thursday, April 8th, the Agawam High School Guidance Department will hold its annual Information Night for next year's seniors (class of 2000) and their parents. This is a very important night and you are encouraged to make plans to attend.

Six panelists will discuss the areas of the college application process, the SAT tests, the various military options, landing that first job, and community college versus a four-year college or university.

Seniors and their parents will be entering a very exciting but also stressful time next year. This program and the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists will make it easier to begin the task of finalizing plans for the year after graduation.

The Information Night will be held in the high school cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to be with us on April 8th.

WNEC To Host Open House For Prospective Pupils

Western New England College will be hosting high school seniors and their parents at an Open House from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18th. The event is free, but reservations must be made by calling (413) 782-1312.

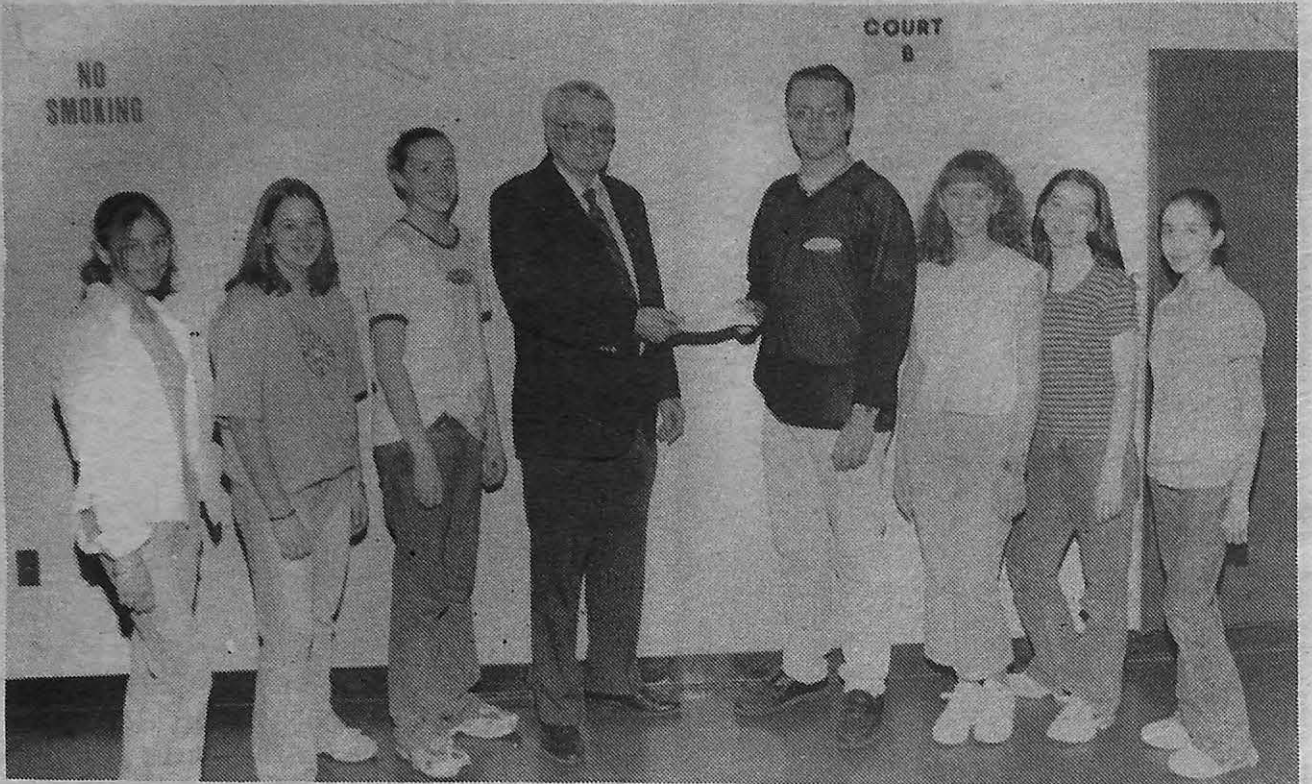
High school students and their parents will be able to tour the campus; learn about residence life; obtain information on the College's academic offerings and admissions procedures; and speak with faculty, staff, and current students about the College.

With its Wholistic Student Development program, which places emphasis not only on academics, but also other vital aspects of personal growth, Western New England College offers students a unique learning environment.

Western New England College, founded in 1919, is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution located on an attractive, 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The College serves 4,800 students on its Springfield main campus, at over 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth, and at its downtown Springfield campus.

Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.



CARL JACKOBEK (fourth from the left), representing the Agawam Lions Club, presents a check on behalf of the club to Ed Carey of Premier Talent Group, which produced the recent "Video Extravaganza" for the Agawam Junior High School's Non-Users Club. Also pictured are students Emily Sussman, Aimee Beaudette, Vicky Taylor, Tara Witte, Jodie Pfau, and Heather Adams. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Video Extravaganza" Held For Junior High's Non-Users Club

For the ninth year, the Video Extravaganza was recently held at the Agawam Junior School gym as members of the Non-Users Club gathered for an entertaining evening of watching music videos, dancing, and giving testimonials to their commitment to maintain a drug-free lifestyle.

This is one of the Club's most popular and well-attended events. The three-hour-long celebration highlights the benefits of remaining drug-free.

Produced by Premier Talent Group, the event features three disc jockeys playing the students' favorite music videos on a giant, 30-foot screen.

"Commercials" from the Drug-Free Partnership

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are played throughout the evening and the cameras are turned on to the students themselves, who volunteer to give their own testimonials on why they have chosen a drug-free lifestyle.

For the ninth year, the Agawam Lions Club sponsored this activity. On hand to represent the Lions Club and present a check for this event was Carl Jackobek. His presentation met with the enthusiastic approval of all the Non-Users Club members in attendance who thoroughly enjoyed this event.



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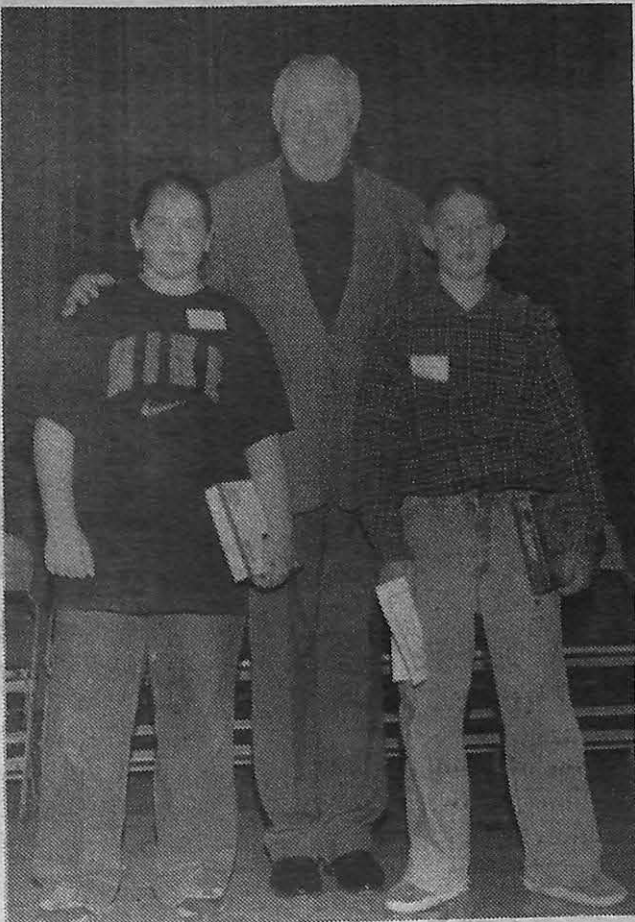


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Junior Women's Club Sponsors Annual Spelling Bee...



FORMER NEWS 40 METEOROLOGIST and Agawam resident Paul Sutton (center), who served as the spelling bee "pronouncer," with sixth-grade winners Jacquelyn Lear (second place) and Ryan McLane (first place). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Michael F. Albro Named To Dean's List At Merrimack College

Feeding Hills resident Michael F. Albro was among students named to the Merrimack College fall 1998 Dean's List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average, based on a 4.0 grading system.

Merrimack College is a private Catholic college located in North Andover, Massachusetts. Founded in 1947 by the Order of St. Augustine, Merrimack College prides itself on providing a high-quality undergraduate education centered around the liberal arts with strong emphasis placed on professional training and development.

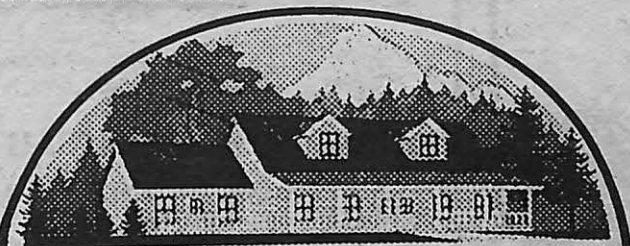
Its 220-acre campus located in the heart of the Merrimack Valley, is home to students from 28 states and 21 countries. Merrimack College was selected as a top tier regional liberal arts college and as a "Best Value" in *U.N. News and World Report's* 1998 Best Colleges guidebook. Its Web address is www.merrimack.edu.



LAST FRIDAY EVENING (March 26th), the Agawam Junior Women's Club sponsored the annual town spelling bee for fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students at the Agawam Middle School. From left to right: Donna Shibley (moderator), Theresa Conklin (Junior Women's Club), Jason Polek (first place - fourth grade), Brian Foley (second place - fourth grade), Sue Godfrey (Junior Women's Club), and Paul Sutton ("pronouncer"). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Judy Clini (one of the spelling bee judges), Johanna Kos (first place - fifth grade), Kathy Mouneimneh (judge), Ally Bertagnoli (first place - fifth grade), Paul Sutton ("pronouncer"), and Roberta Doering (judge). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Visiting The Entrepreneurship Class

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Joe came into my office all excited. "Mrs. Cohen," he said enthusiastically, "you have to come visit my entrepreneurship class. It's fun, interesting, and I'm learning so much. I never knew so much went into starting and running a business."

Frankly, I stared at Joe. I mean, here was this kid who never got turned on by school. As a matter of fact, he usually informed me how bored he was. After he left my office, I looked at the schedule of classes to see when his met. Later, I sought out his illustrious and very capable teacher, Gerry Smith, and asked him if it would be all right for me to visit the class. I shared with him my conversation with Joe.

The next day, I went to visit the class. When I walked into the room, I was so impressed with the attentiveness of the students. As I perused one of the many textbooks that are used in class, I was very impressed with the information and how it was presented. In addition to the texts, the students have ready access to the computer, a calculator, and a myriad of other tools that clearly hold their attention and make this class as exciting as Joe claimed.

At the front of the texts are some quotes that really have meat to them. Here are two that I know will give you food for thought.

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime," Lao Tzu

"Some people have thousands of reasons why they cannot do what they want to, when all they need is one reason why they can." Willis R. Whitney.

As I skimmed through one of the texts, the section that deals with the characteristics of the successful entrepreneur held my eyes. I realized how important the character traits are for all people and decided to share them with you by incorporating them in this column.

The student is told that people are not necessarily born with all the traits essential to becoming successful entrepreneurs, however, with the appropriate motivation, characteristics can be developed and nurtured. As you read through the following traits, think how many you already possess and how many you would like to develop. Think, too, how many of these traits are really essential in allowing you to be the best that you can be.

1. **Adaptability** - the ability to deal with new situations and find variable solutions to problems.

2. **Competitiveness** - a willingness to compete with and test yourself against others.

3. **Confidence** - the belief that you can do what you set out to do.

4. **Drive** - the desire to work hard to accomplish one's goals.

AnnMarie Bianca Of Feeding Hills Is Named To Dean's List At Fitchburg State College

Feeding Hills resident AnnMarie Bianca was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Fitchburg State College.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is at-

tained, and the student is attending the college full-time.

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5. **Honesty** - the trait of being honest with others.

6. **Organization** - the ability to maintain order in your life.

7. **Persuasiveness** - the characteristic of being able to cajole people into seeing your viewpoint and to become interested in what you are doing.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!

Tara Fleming: Plymouth State College.

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Michelle Beaudette: University of Massachusetts.

Greg Jubinville: Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Daniella Tirone: Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College.

Jessica Dutton: Sacred Heart University, Quinnipiac College, University of Massachusetts.

Brenna McGinn: Assumption College, Florida State University, Temple University, Fitchburg State College, Wheelock College, College of St. Rose, University of Massachusetts, Russell Sage College, Bridgewater State College.

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Dominick Koleczek: University of Hartford.

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Lindsay Mason: Bentley College, Bryant College.

Christine Campbell: Westfield State College.

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David Strole: Boston University, Syracuse University, Western New England College, University of Massachusetts.

Erik Bodurtha: Northeastern University, Boston College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Boston University, University of Massachusetts, University of Virginia.

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Franca Bonavita: Clark University.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

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AT THE FFA State Convention: Career and Technical Education Center students Michael Lyons of Feeding Hills, Christina Tetreault of Feeding Hills, and Jamie Carter of South Hadley.

Career/Tech. Ed. Students Attend FFA State Convention

Students from the Career and Technical Education Center, Chicopee attended the 69th FFA State Convention at Mansfield, MA.

The three-day convention, held March 17th through the 19th, drew over 270 students from agricultural vocational schools from throughout the state to demonstrate what they have learned by competing in Career Development Events (CDE).

FFA is a national student organization that promotes personal development, leadership, and career success. Jamie Carter, Christina Tetreault, and Michael Lyons, accompanied by instructor Dan Plourde and technical assistant Holly Scortino, placed third in the Nursery and Landscape CDE.

This was a significant accomplishment for these students to place that well competing for the first time against much larger schools. The Landscape Technology/Horticulture Program at Career TEC focuses on preparing students for careers in landscaping, nursery, garden center, greenhouse, and related industries as well as for continuation into college degree programs.

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Tuesday, April 6th: French bread pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, assorted fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, April 7th: Teriyaki rib dip-pers, niblet corn, cinnamon applesauce, bread and butter, school peanut butter cookies, milk.

Thursday, April 8th: Chicken patty sandwich with mayonnaise, steamed rice, seasoned carrots, sliced apples with cinnamon/sugar or chocolate pudding, milk.

Friday, April 9th: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, dinner roll, raspberry Jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

Open House Slated For April 9th At Spfld. Christian School

The faculty and staff of the Springfield Christian School, 627 State Street, Springfield invite prospective students and their families to an Open House at the school on Friday, April 9th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Springfield Christian School provides education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Administrator Thomas Schnepf invites prospective students and their parents to attend the Open House, which will include a tour of the classrooms as well as an opportunity to meet with the faculty, students, and parents of current students.

It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Springfield Christian School's academic and athletic programs and to become acquainted with all of the Springfield Christian School family.

Springfield Christian School provides young people an affordable, quality education from a distinctly biblical world-view, developing a Christian character and enabling them to impact the lives of others.

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St. Mary's High In Westfield To Hold 2nd Placement Test

In response to a large number of inquiries, St. Mary's High School in Westfield will be holding a second placement test for eighth-grade students who are considering enrolling in September of 1999.

The test will be held at the school, located at 27 Bartlett Street in Westfield, on Saturday, April 10th and will conclude at 12:00 noon. Those interested in taking the test should call the school to register by April 8th. There is a \$15 fee for this test.

St. Mary's is a small, co-educational, Catholic school with students from Westfield and many of the surrounding communities. Over a period of four years, it offers its students the opportunity to follow a curriculum of traditional college preparatory courses.

According to Principal Paul Romani, the placement test scores are considered, along with the student's eighth-grade academic performance, in determining each student's freshman schedule.

Also, registration for incoming freshmen and transfer students has already begun. There is a formal registration session scheduled for Thursday evening, April 29th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Those unable to attend this session may call the guidance department to schedule an appointment at a time which is convenient to their personal schedules.

There are only a limited number of openings available for the 1999-2000 school year. Parents and guardians of prospective students who are interested in learning more about the quality Catholic education which St. Mary's has to offer are encouraged to call the school at 568-5692 for further information about the school or to register for the test.

Prospective students are also invited to spend a day as part of St. Mary's High School's "Freshman for a Day" program.

'Introduction To Babysitting' At The Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will offer its annual INTRODUCTION TO BABYSITTING series for youngsters ages 10 and up on Thursdays, April 8th, 15th, and 22nd, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the library's Community Room.

Health and safety issues will be covered by Registered Nurse Hilda Bartnik, Fire Department Officer Michael Mercadante, and Police Safety Officer Karen Langevin.

Library staff members will offer suggestions for age-appropriate activities when babysitting infants and young children. Certificates will be awarded to everyone who attends all three sessions.

Registration is limited to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents who have not previously participated in the program, and will continue through April 7th or until the series is filled to capacity.

Please sign up in person at the library, which is located at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.



TERESA TORSELL

Teresa Torssell In Continuing Ed. Honor Society At AIC

The American International College chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for continuing education students, held its annual candlelight induction ceremony Thursday, March 11th.

Thirteen students, including Agawam resident Teresa Torssell, a management and technology major, were inducted into the honor society.

Alpha Sigma Lambda recognizes the special achievement of adults who accomplish excellence while facing commitments of work and home.

"Adult students are unique; they face different challenges and they bring a wealth of experience to the classroom," said Elizabeth Ayres, dean of the School of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies.

The requirements for induction into Alpha Sigma Lambda are: inductees must be within 18 credits of graduating with their first baccalaureate degree; a minimum of 30 credits must have been earned at AIC, half of which must be in courses outside of the major; at least 15 credits must have been earned in one academic year at some point in the inductees' studies; inductees must have attended AIC for at least four semesters part-time or two semesters full-time; and inductees must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2.

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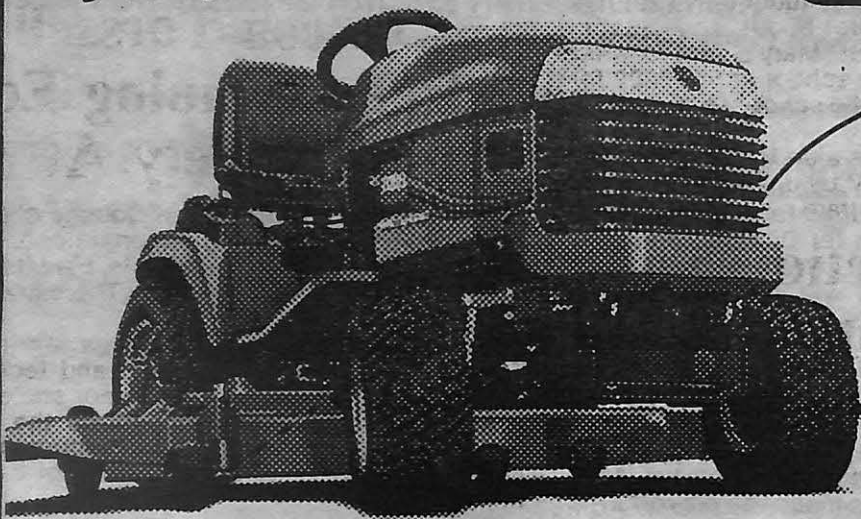
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Girls' Lacrosse Vs Amherst Regional...

Brownies Begin 1999 Campaign With 13-9 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' lacrosse team got its 1999 season off to a fine start Tuesday afternoon at sunny Harmon Smith Field with a 13-9 win over visiting Amherst Regional.

In her preview of the season, Coach Cindy Grieve admitted she wasn't so sure of her team's firepower. "We haven't scrimmaged anyone. But I think we may have some weapons," the coach said, referring to her 10 returnees from last year's squad.

Agawam (1-0) jumped off to a quick 2-0 lead on goals by junior Amy Paquette and junior Christina Gregory. "Amy is a spitfire who never gives up. Christina is our quarterback, so to speak. She can score as well as pass," Grieve noted.

The Hurricanes came back, tying it at two-all with five minutes gone in the first half. They would take the lead, 3-2, on their third straight shot for a score at 5:40. For a while, Amherst was dominating. Only some standout goal-keeping by junior veteran Mary Elizabeth Dupelle kept it close and allowed the Brownies to climb back into the game, which they did with seven minutes gone on a steal and a rush by Kate Shannon to tie things at three.

Locals Take The Lead

Shannon's effort seemed to put a charge into Agawam, both offensively and defensively. Shannon and Paquette stepped up. Brenna McGinn, a swimmer in the winter, blocked the lanes on defense. Eleven minutes in, Dupelle made a spectacular save on a bounce shot at her feet, short-hopping the ball. Sophomore Kara Barnes then scored a minute later to give Agawam a 4-3 lead.

But Amherst wouldn't go away. Another score saw it tied at four with the half winding down. Paquette, Stephanie Ceccarini, and Sarah Prussman then swarmed the Hurricanes' zone. A couple pinpoint passes got the ball to McGinn, who scored to once again give Agawam the lead, 5-4.

The Brownies would score three more times and Amherst once, to make it 8-5, Agawam at the half. Agawam had 12 shots on net. Amherst managed nine.

Agawam still had its hands full as the second half began. Paquette (three goals) scored one minute in. Then Amherst answered two minutes later. Paquette, who rushes the middle with the best of them, did just that. Driving on the Hurricanes' goal, she drove one home at the four-minute mark to put the Brownies up, 10-6.

The Brownies, behind Lauren Kida, Heather Hughes, and Shannon, were playing some good defense. But Amherst was relentless when it had the ball. It only proved that the good performance by Dupelle midway through the first half was paying off.

Amherst's star, Kate Riva (four goals) put one in to close things up, 10-6 Agawam. Riva got another one shortly after that and it was 10-7, Brownies. "Yeah, I got a little concerned. We couldn't seem to put them away," Grieve said.

Barnes came up strong, scoring her second goal on a rush off the right wing, giving the hosts an 11-7 lead. Another Brownie goal by Sternowski (her second) upped Agawam's lead to 12-7. But



PRIOR TO THEIR SEASON-OPENING VICTORY over Amherst Regional on Tuesday, March 30th, the members of the Agawam High varsity girls' lacrosse team received some pre-game instructions from Coach Cindy Grieve. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

even a five-point spread didn't seem all that comfortable.

As the second half wound down, the Brownies went up, 13-7. Two goals in a span of one minute saw the visitors close to within four - 14-9. Junior Valerie Cross had come in for Dupelle. She is a good keeper in her own right. "We're lucky to have two quality goalies. That will help us as the season goes along," Grieve noted.

Agawam had 12 second-half shots for a game total of 24. Amherst had nine for a total of 17.

Later, the coach, with a little better read on her team, stressed that they'll have to work on their passing game.

Since the team was granted varsity status three years ago, they have always made the playoffs. "It was tough for those three years," Grieve admitted. "We had to go down the (Mass.) Pike to Eastern Massachusetts for our tournament games because there weren't enough girls' lacrosse programs around here. Now there are and if we make the playoffs, some of our games will be at home."

There are 17 girls on the varsity, 10 of them veterans. The team lost All-Western Mass. players Jill DeMarco, Lindy Gage, and Sarah Drensek to graduation. There are many strong players. Grieve singled out some of them. Besides co-captain Paquette, Dupelle, (co-captain) Gregory, and Shannon (a natural athlete, according to the coach), there are others.

"Sarah Prussman is an offensive force. Senior Heather Hughes is a cover point and very smart on defense. Shauna Suffriti, a junior, is up from the junior varsity. She is a true left-hander with a bullet for a shot and perhaps the best speed on the team. Nikita Reshamwala is a senior and a consistent defensive wing. Sophomore Lauren Kida is at point and has a staring job. Brenna McGinn, a senior, is first home and plays offense as well as anyone."

Then Grieve added, obviously proud of the kids she has on hand, "As I said, there are our goalies, Dupelle and Cross. They are very good. We'll never be out of a game with those two."

She stressed that every kid on the team will no doubt get her chance during the season. "They all can do the job. That's why they are with the varsity."



JUNIOR LACROSSE PLAYER Amy Paquette scored three goals for the Brownies during their season-opener against Amherst Regional. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Agawam Girls' Softball Preview...

Coach Deb Lickley Will Take Things One Game At A Time This Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Without a doubt, Agawam High softball Coach Deb Lickley is one of the best teachers in the business.

We went up and watched her this week. The Brownies were working out like they always do. The coach was doing her job, as well as she should be. They lost four 1998 stars - All-Western Mass. shortstop Kristen Patterson, All-Western Mass. third baseman Amber Conte, and fine outfielders Steph Fleming and Amy Mastroianni to graduation after winning the Western Mass. championship.

"We'll never make up for them. What we will do is teach the kids we have now how to go on," Lickley said of her defending Division I Western Mass. champions.

She has some help. "Kristen Patterson is back here to work with our sophomore shortstop (Jill Gendron), and it's paying off."

Indeed it is. Gendron is a ball hawk who dives for everything. She played lots of first base for the Brownies as a freshman last year.

Senior Kornelia Moysis will take over Conte's position at third. Junior Allison Pisano will be at first. Erin Rescigno, a senior, has the second base job.

Outfield A Question Mark

The outfield is a question mark. At this writing, the coach was not sure how to handle it. Jess Montagna looks like the rightfielder. Junior Jen Lyman will be in left. Centerfield is still up for grabs.

Now we come to the power of this team - the battery. Right-handed pitcher Ali Jackobek is

Agawam Baseball Preview...

Brownies To Rely On Pitching Talent For 1999 Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last season, the Agawam High boys' baseball team went 15-7 in 22 games. They were 15-6 going into their first round playoff game against Westfield High when the Bombers won at Harmon Smith Field, 10-4.

"We should never have lost that one," then first-year Coach Pete Clark said afterwards. He was right. Earlier in the season, they'd shut out the Bombers, 4-0, on a great performance by (then) sophomore pitcher Brian St. Jean.

Unfortunately, Agawam lost most of the 1998 club that got them into the Western Mass. Tournament. Gone are stars such as Austin Kimball (four home runs), Ryan Progulske (five home runs), Bryan O'Quinn (three home runs), and Brady Martin (three home runs). In all, 12 seniors left.

Not A Lot Of Offense

"We won't have a lot of offense this year. But we have some great pitching," pointed out Clark at practice the other day.

They start out with junior pitcher Brian St. Jean. He was 6-1 last season with an ERA of 2.01. St. Jean can also play second base when he isn't on the mound.

"We don't want to use up his arm. That's why he'll be at second base," Clark said. "Brian has about every pitch in the book," he added.

None of us will ever forget his battle against Central High's big star, Pat Strange, last year. Agawam lost, 3-0, but St. Jean and Strange, in a battle that saw the jug guns out in force, combined for 23 strikeouts (St. Jean 11/Strange 12).

Senior Dave Federico can also pitch. "He's a good third baseman and we'll use him on the mound. He's a sneaky fast pitcher who has some excellent stuff," the coach said.

Others who caught the coach's eye included junior Derek Mercadante. "Derek has a great attitude as a catcher. Almost nothing ever gets by him. I think his training as a hockey goalie with the school this winter has made sure he keeps his eye on the ball."

Clark also pointed to Shawn Biebel as another promising performer. "He can pitch and is a left-handed hitter. We need more guys like him."

Long Ball Threat

Tony LeClaire, just a sophomore, might be the long ball threat. "Tony can play first and third. He can hit with power. We'll depend on him for just that," Clark said.

Mike Carney will be a middle fielder. "Mike has good hands and can play anywhere between first and third," Clark said.

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arguably the best girls' softball pitcher in Western Mass. Last year, she was 11-4, with two no-hitters and four shutouts. Now she is a senior and has the experience and confidence to be even better.

Senior Lindsay Mason, who went 6-0 last season, also will be in the rotation. "Certainly, she is a good pitcher who will figure in big for us," Lickley said. But Mason has a slight problem - a sore back. "It hurts a bit, but I can pitch," she told us at practice this week.

The key to this team may be junior catcher Dianna DiStefano. She is a natural born leader who is as tough as they come. Unfortunately, she is recovering from a very bad injury to her throwing shoulder. DiStefano had surgery to correct it last fall. But Lickley remains realistic about

DiStefano's status.

"Right now, she is about 80 percent." (The coach didn't mention that Dianna at 80 percent is as good as most kids at 100 percent.) Then Lickley added, "We are hoping she'll be at full speed when we get into our league games."

It will be tough for DiStefano. She is totally aggressive, will guard the plate with abandon, and runs the bases the same way. The first physical contact at the plate with a baserunner sliding hard on the base paths will tell a good deal about what to expect from her.

"We will be totally tough. This team has so much talent. We're not going to think about defending our title right now. It will be a game at a time for us," Lickley said.

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AFS Student Carlos Fuentes Is Anxious To Test His Tennis Skills For AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High has a rich history when it comes to exchange students. Tennis player Carlos Fuentes, an American Intercultural Programs (AFS) student from Chile, is one of them. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days as a Brownie, which began last August.

Carlos is 18 years-old. His birthday was last September 6th. He is 5'11" and weighs in at 155.

He is taking English, Italian, sociology, U.S. history, computer science, photography, and gym for this semester. His top course is Italian. His favorite teacher is his Italian teacher, Vladimiro Orefice.

Carlos has plans for college when he returns to his homeland in July. But they aren't like here. "I've already taken all my high school courses in Chile. When I go back, I'll have to take a national test to get into the best college. It's very difficult. You have to study a year for it."

Chile is often described as an exotic South American country. Carlos comes from a town on the coast just south of the capital city of Santiago. Chile has a spine of the huge Andes mountain range. It has a Pacific seashore that runs almost as long as the entire west coast of America.

It has the Humbolt current, which runs just off its shores. It is the domain of giant squid and sperm whales. It provides the world with anchovies. In the winter, which is our summer up here, world-class skiers comes to its slopes.

Tennis — A Lifelong Activity...

Carlos was qualified to come here, following the selection process of those who applied to the AFS Program. He plays tennis and has done that



CARLOS FUENTES

most of his life. "In Chile, we play almost all the time on clay courts. I learned to play from the baseline."

He was a champion there. "I won four tournaments in my time there. Here, with all the kids who serve and volley, my ability will be tested."

About his game in the fast lane of hardcourt tennis, he had this to say: "This is a good place to play. Coach (Bill) Spear is a good teacher. I'm a fast learner and hope I'm the best player on this team. This is a big challenge."

Carlos' favorite food is French fries.

White is his top color.

He would like to own a Jeep one day.

His top pro athlete is a world-class tennis player from Chile — Marcelo Rios.

Carlos likes to hang out in Boston. "I went to New York City once. It was so big. It wasn't for me," he said.

He likes casual clothes and buys them at the Holyoke Mall.

He likes just about any kind of music, save for country. U-2 is his favorite group.

He likes "Fame" as his top TV show. "Ghost" is tops on the silver screen.

He has a brother, Pablo (20 years-old), who lives in Houston. His sister, Cecilia, is 23. His mom is also Cecilia, a former AFS student in California.

His Agawam host family are the McDonoughs — Mike and Sue on Anthony Street. He has a host sister, Megan, who last year was an AFS exchange student in Belgium.

When he is done at AHS, Carlos wants to be remembered this way: "I'm a nice person. Not many people really knew me here. I wish they had."

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Chris Wayte, a junior, is the fastest kid on the team. "We'll DH him. We'll get him on base. Chris can manufacture runs," Clark said.

"We won't be as strong as last year. We'll rely on pitching. These kids have a great work ethic that is as good as anyone around here," Clark concluded.

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No unregistered person may attend a program at any time. Children must be of correct age before the program begins.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for all camps is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria. After the initial camp registration date, registration will be held at the Recreation Department Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration for all recreation programs is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will *not* be accepted before the initial registration date, and phone registrations will *not* be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration and are made payable to the Town of Agawam. A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all children's programs.

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AHS Girls' Tennis Coach Announces Her Projected Starters

Agawam High School girls' tennis Coach Mary Wolochowicz has announced her projected starters for the spring season:

Kaitlin White (junior) will play first singles; Andrea Cizek (senior), second singles; Kelly Webb (junior) and Juliana Batista (senior/exchange student), first doubles.

"Lisa Niedziela (sophomore) will most likely play second doubles. Megan Trudell was going to be my other second doubles, but has been sick for almost two weeks. I'm still not sure who will be there," said Wolochowicz. She will have a definite line-up by next week.

Liz Stieg (sophomore) is a possibility for third singles.

Following is a list of new members of the team, from which the coach plans to suit up three as reserves in case of injury or illness:

Freshmen: Kristin Archambault, Lissa Asta-Ferrero, Kristin Berry, Kat Demetron, Jennifer Jutte, Arlie Meade, Emily Morton, Catherine Sheehan, Brittany Shields, Julia Spear. Sophomores: Tara Reilly.

Former AHS Athletes Shine For Bentley's Women's Lacrosse

Sophomore Amy Bilodeau, an Agawam High School graduate, netted four goals as Bentley College posted its first-ever varsity win in women's lacrosse, 13-8 over host American International College in Northeast-10 Conference play Thursday afternoon.

For AIC, former Agawam High School player Brooke Hollister, a senior, registered an assist. The Lady Yellow Jackets are now 0-1 in the Northeast-10.

Bentley is now 1-2 overall and 1-0 in Northeast-10 action.

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PERRY LANE PARK DAY CAMP

Perry Lane Day Camp is an outdoor day camp for children ages six (or who have completed Kindergarten) through 11 years-old. The camp meets at Perry Lane Park, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (there is no before- or after-camp care available).

Activities include a wide variety of sports, arts and crafts, daily swim lessons, group games, free play, afternoon free swim, special events, and use of the surrounding wooded area. One field trip per session will be scheduled.

Campers will be divided into age-appropriate groups. The camp will meet rain or shine, unless there is a severe weather situation. If camp needs to be cancelled, notification will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. Limit: 120 campers per session.

Session dates: Session I, June 28th to July 9th (no camp on July 5th); Session II, July 12th to July 23rd; Session III, July 26th to August 6th; and Session IV, August 9th to August 20th.

Fee: \$100 per camper, per session.

NOTE: Participants may register for a maximum of two (two-week sessions) for the full-day camp at the first registration on April 24th. Campers may register for additional sessions if openings exist on May 17th in the Recreation Office. Non-resident children may register for camp if space is available after Memorial Day at the Recreation Department.

PRE-SCHOOL CAMP

Pre-School Camp is held at Perry Lane Park for children ages four and five as of July 1, 1999. The camp meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, and special events. Limit: 30 campers per session.

Session dates: Session I, June 28th to July 9th (no camp July 5th); Session II, July 12th to July 23rd; Session III, July 26th to August 6th; and Session IV, August 9th to August 20th.

Fee: \$60 per camper, per session.

Participants may register for as many sessions as they wish, provided space is available. Non-resident children may register for camp if space is available after Memorial Day at the Recreation Department.

TEEN CAMP

Teen Camp is held at Perry Lane Park for children ages 11 (as of July 1, 1999 or who have completed sixth grade) and up. The camp meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Activities include sports, arts and crafts, games, swimming, special events, and use of the surrounding wooded area. One field trip per session will be scheduled.

The camp will meet rain or shine, unless there is a severe weather situation. If camp needs to be cancelled, notification will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. Limit: 40 campers per session.

Session dates: Session I, June 28th to July 9th (no camp July 5th); Session II, July 12th to July 23rd; Session III, July 26th to August 6th; Session IV, August 9th to August 20th.

Fee: \$100 per camper, per session.

Participants may register for as many sessions as they wish, provided space is available. Non-resident children may register for camp if space is available after Memorial Day at the Recreation Department.

PIRANHAS SWIM TEAM

The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors a competitive swim team for children ages five through 18. The summer session begins May 10th at the Agawam Junior High School Pool.

Registration will be held in the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning May 3rd.

YOUTH TRACK PROGRAM

Participants will learn the fundamentals of track and field. The program is open to children ages seven through 14 and will meet at the Agawam High School track on Sunday afternoons beginning April 25th.

Registration is now being accepted at the Recreation Office. Fee: \$25 for six weeks. Instructor: Dan Pryce.

WALKING GROUP

Anyone interested in walking for exercise is asked to contact the Recreation Office.

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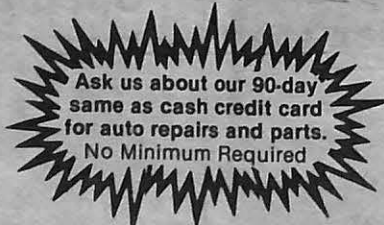
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At Cathedral High School...

Former Agawam Student Mike Martin Makes All-WMass. Hoop

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Three years ago, Mike Martin, Jr. of Feeding Hills was a standout athlete at Agawam High School. The kid, then a 6 foot, 150 pound newcomer as a quarterback, led the frosh football team to an unbeaten season and was a force on the frosh basketball team. He was being groomed for varsity stardom in both sports after being groomed in the youth ranks for many years.

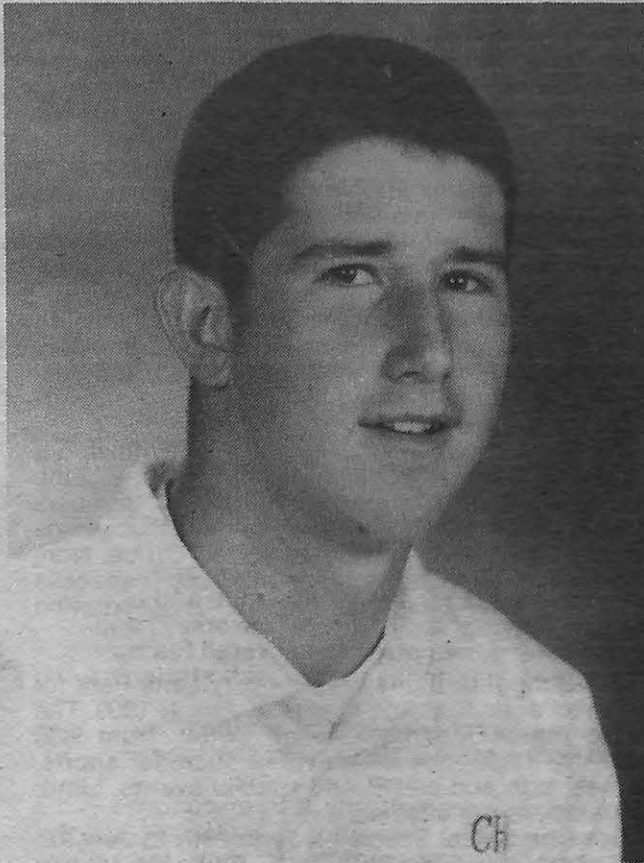
It never got any further than that. Circumstances beyond his control saw him transfer to Cathedral High of Springfield as a sophomore. With the Panthers, he evolved into the star everyone expected him to be and more. Mike now stands 6'4" and weighs in at a granite-hard 170 pounds.

He is good enough in football to be a defensive back. They have him penciled in next season as the starting quarterback. He is outstanding in basketball. This past season, Mike averaged 22.9 points a game, leading all scorers in the tough Valley League. He also hauled down 9.5 rebounds and dished out three assists a game from his position as power forward. That performance landed him on the All-Western Mass. basketball squad.

His hoop skills have been honed from two years of attendance at the prestigious Eastern Invitational Basketball Camp in New Jersey. He will be playing AAU basketball for the Rhode Island Breakers. Their season starts shortly.

"They compete all over the Northeast and go to Ohio and Florida for tournaments. It's tough competition and you only get to play with the team if you are good enough to be invited," his dad, Mike Martin, Sr., the fine former boys' basketball coach at Commerce and Agawam High said. Also on this team is Bayete Gordon, the outstanding junior point guard from Amherst-Pelham Regional High School.

Mike is also a force in the classroom as he carries a 3.8 GPA. His academic and athletic skills



MIKE MARTIN, JR.

have already spurred interest from the higher-ups. "Mike has gotten letters from Holy Cross, Dartmouth, Bucknell, Quinnipiac, Williams, Bryant, Assumption, and the University of Connecticut (which wants him for football)," his dad said.

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Western Mass. Pioneers To Play Benefit Soccer Game

The Western Mass. Pioneers Professional Soccer Club will be playing a benefit exhibition game on Saturday, April 10th, at 5:00 p.m. at Springfield College.

The Pioneers of the D-3 Pro League will play Franklin Pierce College in a game that is being set up to benefit victims of the recent explosion at the Jahn Foundry Company.

Six area residents and employees of the Jahn Foundry are still in critical condition at four New England hospitals as a result of the blast that took place a little over a month ago. Proceeds from the game will go to the Jahn Foundry Disaster Relief Fund.

The Pioneers, coming off an exceptional inaugural first professional season, are gearing up for the 1999 season with a few exhibition games this month. The team is scheduled to open up the season away in Vermont on May 22nd.

Coaches' Baseball Mini-Camp Slated For April 19th-21st

The Coaches' Baseball Camp will run a Mini-Camp at Sacred Heart Church from April 19th through April 21st. The time of the camp is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

This camp is for players between the ages of eight and 13, and it will cover the basic skills needed for all players during the upcoming season.

The cost of the camp is \$45, and registration will be held at the Sacred Heart fields on the morning of April 19th at 8:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the opening will be held on the following day.

For more information, contact Brian Rheault at 789-4792.

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of United Process, Inc. for work to be performed on Almgren Drive, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Agawam Soccer Association News

The Agawam Soccer Association is the premier soccer club in the Town of Agawam, currently sponsoring over 28 teams in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.

We have boys' and girls' teams in all age groups from U9 to U17. In addition, the Agawam Soccer Organization provides the structure for over 1,100 boys and girls in the Town of Agawam to play recreational soccer through our organized In-Town program.

Scholarships

The ASA sponsors several scholarships for area children and is pleased to announce a new addition to our regular scholarships; the Christopher Knight Scholarships, a \$300 scholarship that is available to any senior who will be attending college next year, who has participated in the Agawam Soccer Association as a player, referee, or volunteer.

If you wish to be considered for the scholarship, please call Dave Shaw at 786-0899 for an application and additional information.

Spring Soccer

The Spring Soccer season will get underway for both the Pioneer Valley and In-Town programs the week of April 10, 1999. The ASA has had a record of sign-ups for the spring session for both groups with over 600 children participating.

Programs

The Agawam Soccer Association continues the development program for all the coaches and assistant coaches in order to improve their skills, teaching abilities, first-aid knowledge, and knowledge of the game. This enables our coaches to provide first-rate training to all of Agawam's youth soccer players. Each season provides several sessions for the coaches to improve their skills with experts such as Ken Fever, Soccer Magic, the outstanding coaches from the Agawam High School soccer program, and Jim Rudi, UMass women's soccer, putting on training camps for our coaches and players. In addition, the Association continues to sponsor a "D" level course, which allows our coaches to receive soccer coaching licenses. All of our Pioneer Valley coaches are required to have their licenses in order to coach in the league.

As the program continues to grow, the ASA receives strong support from the Agawam High School soccer coaches, Jeff Rousseau, Glenn Olson, and Dwight Northrup. They have continually voiced their support for the program and note that the results of this strong program certainly show at the high school level.

Virtually all of the players on the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams are products of the Agawam Soccer Association's Pioneer Valley and In-Town programs. All of this hard work has benefited many young soccer players in the Town of Agawam. This program is a good way to start a solid soccer career! The best high school players are past graduates of the Agawam Soccer Association programs. We sponsor several area scholarships for those children going on to college and frequently have the Agawam High School players and coaches participate in practices and scrimmages for all of our players.

Summer Soccer Camps

Western Mass Summer Soccer School - This training camp will be hosted by our very own Agawam High School coaching staff, featuring Dwight Northrup, Agawam varsity coach, 1993-98, and Jeff Rousseau, current Agawam JV coach, USISL professional referee, as camp co-directors. The remaining staff will all be experienced players and coaches, including Glenn Olson, Agawam High School varsity soccer coach; Brian Graves, AIC, ass't. men's varsity coach; John Thurley, WNEC, ass't. men's varsity coach; Bryan O'Quinn, UMass goalkeeper; Mike Domangue, Coca-Cola United (semi-pro) defender; Chris

Cassese, professional indoor soccer goalkeeper; Kristin Slayton, Boston University midfielder; Tim Conklin, WNEC captain and midfielder; Alison Reseigne, WNEC captain and defender; Dina DeMarco, former Merrimack college forward.

The camp will be held at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills from August 16th-20th. Children ages six to nine will attend camp from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at a cost of \$60, while children ages 10 to 14 will attend from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for only \$80. A family discount of \$10 off per child if more than one is signed up is also offered. Everyone attending the camp will be given a free WMSSS t-shirt.

The goal of the co-directors is to maintain a low coach-to-player ratio of nine players to one coach in order to assure that each child will receive individual attention in those areas in which they need improvement. The camp will offer special sessions for teams featuring skills, tactics, and strategy, as well as specific goalkeeper sessions to improve the goalie's communication skills with his players as well as his goalkeeping skills.

British Soccer Camp

The British Soccer Camp will again be sponsored by the ASA. This camp drew rave reviews last summer with all who attended and is run by top-ranked coaches from the British Isle. The program is open to both individual children and full teams.

The program offers special rates and clinics that stress overall team performance and play as well as individual skills and teamwork. The team clinics enhance the play of the overall team while allowing the kids to learn European strategy and tactics.

The camp is scheduled to be run the week of July 19th with specific times, and the location for this camp to be announced shortly.

As an added benefit, the British coaches will hold two coaching clinics for interested Agawam parents and coaches during the week. The sessions will be jam-packed with European-style drills and tactics as well as lively question and answer sessions.

The European style of soccer is quite different than our own and the coaches who attend will gain valuable drills to use with their teams and have a chance to observe four skilled professional player/coaches willing to share their experiences and knowledge for the benefit of the Agawam youth.

Fall Soccer Sign-ups

FINAL sign-ups for Fall Soccer will take place on May 1st at the Middle School for both the Fall In-Town program as well as the Fall Pioneer Valley Program.

The cost per participant is only \$35 with a family plan capped at \$85. This makes the Agawam Soccer Program a real bargain in comparison to the other area programs and sports activities. Part of the reason that our costs are kept low and our quality high is the yearly tournament we hold; the Riverside Classic.

The proceeds from this all-volunteer run tournament benefit both the Pioneer Valley teams as well as the In-Town program and help to pay equipment fees, education, and uniforms. On the Pioneer Valley side, not only do the children get top-notch soccer training from licensed coaches, but the costs of the uniforms, entrance fees to participate in the Pioneer Valley program, equipment, and all tournaments (where fees range from \$250-\$450) are all paid for by the Riverside Classic.

The only fees are the \$35 sign-up fee for each season. This makes the Agawam Soccer Association high level, competitive soccer teams the most reasonable alternative in the Valley.



MARC MALONEY

At Karate Tournament...

Brown Belt Marc Maloney Wins 1st- & 2nd-Place Awards

Twelve year-old Marc Maloney of Feeding Hills won first place for Sparring and second place for Martial Arts Forms at a recent karate tournament.

Marc received his Brown Belt in Tae Kwon Do last October. He has been a student at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Self-Defense for the last five years, studying self-defense with Mr. Thomas Devine.

Marc will be eligible for his Black Belt in approximately 19 months.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice. Thanks you!

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Baywest Warriors Go To The Championship

The Baywest Warriors won their third game against Holy Name. Starting out strong was a goal from Ryan Harlow to give the 1-0 early advantage.

The Warriors' offense was tough with Nick Pandolfi and Josh Edwards on some nice breakaways. John Duval and Matt Woodward had outstanding defense to keep Holy Name away from the goal. A nice rebound goal from Mike Brouillette gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead.

Aaron D'miario and Anthony Barker on defense kept Holy Name offense from going astray. Jake LaBelle and Tim O'Brien had some nice shots, but Holy Name's defense was too strong.

In the second period, Baywest wasn't giving up. Another goal by Ryan Harlow gave the Warriors a 3-0 lead. Coming back strong was Mike Brouillette with his second goal of the game, giving Baywest a 4-0 lead.

Our goalie, Tony Boido, was out with the flu, putting Mat Footit in the goal for the first time. Mat did an outstanding job letting only two goals go by. Having a 4-2 lead, defenseman Matt Woodward had a slapshot in the net for his first goal of the season.

The final playoff game was against Ludlow. Ludlow started out strong as ever, scoring the first goal of the game.

Defense was tough keeping shots away from our net. With a nice rebound goal from Josh Edwards, Nick Pandolfi hit the corner of the net, giving Baywest a 1-1 tie. With penalties back and forth, short-handed was a good reason for Ryan Harlow to plan his first goal of the game, giving Baywest a 2-1 advantage.

Unfortunately, Ludlow came right back and scored, making it a 2-2 tie. Effort was the key to our defense as Matt Woodward and Mat Footit did a lot of checking, keeping Ludlow away from our zone. Mike Brouillette and Tim O'Brien had some nice shots on goal, but Ludlow's defense was strong.

Jake LaBelle had to hustle to keep the goalie on his toes. Anthony Barker had some powerful shots on goal, but Ludlow's goalie was always there. John Duval and Aaron D'miario had some nice plays, saving a couple of goals for our goalie.

The third period started out well as a two-on-one effort with Ryan Harlow and Nick Pandolfi. Harlow, giving a nice set-up pass to Nick Pandolfi, gave Nick Pandolfi his second goal of the game. Within minutes, a nice pass from the red line from Ryan Harlow to Nick Pandolfi gave Nick his first hat trick of the season.

The clock was going by slow as Ludlow kept up the pressure, but Tony Boido was strong, not letting anything go by him. As the buzzard rang, Baywest had a solid win, which was well-deserved.

Baywest will play Amherst in the championship game at the Civic Center.

Daggett Gymnasts Shine At Girls' State Championships

When the Tim Daggett women's team travelled to Tyngsboro on March 27th for the Massachusetts USA Gymnastics Level 9 & 10 State Championships, they meant business. Of the five girls who qualified for this important meet, all finished in the top 10, with one being crowned State Champ!

Agawam's Brionne Lancour used consistency as the key to stand on the Golden podium, as she finished first on balance beam with an 8.75, second on floor with an 8.85, and fourth on vault (8.725) and bars (8.625) to finish with a 34.95 all-around and the title of State Champion.

Her teammate on the Level 9 Junior squad, West Suffield's Leigha Hancock, also had a great meet, as she used two first-place finishes on vault (9.0) and floor (9.35) to grab the bronze medal with an all-around score of 34.65.

In the Level 9 Senior division, Leah Boccaccio swung her way to first on uneven bars (9.375) and finished fourth all-around with a 34.525. Agawam's Andrea Babbin also turned in a fine performance, as she finished seventh with a 34.025.

In Level 10, Sarah Liebowitz competed a 34.7 all-around that was good for third place. She also grabbed the top spot on uneven bars with a 9.075.

All of these fine gymnasts will advance to the Regional Championships to be held in the spring.

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7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Champs...



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE first-place champs in in-town seventh- and eighth-grade girls' basketball. Back row - Coach Ray Francis, Nicki Gessay, Karen Prisby, Courtnie Ober, Lindsay Francis, and Jennifer Sharpe. Front row - Angela Buendo, Heather Pisano, Whitney Greene, and Victoria Urrea. (Missing from photo: Coach Greene.)

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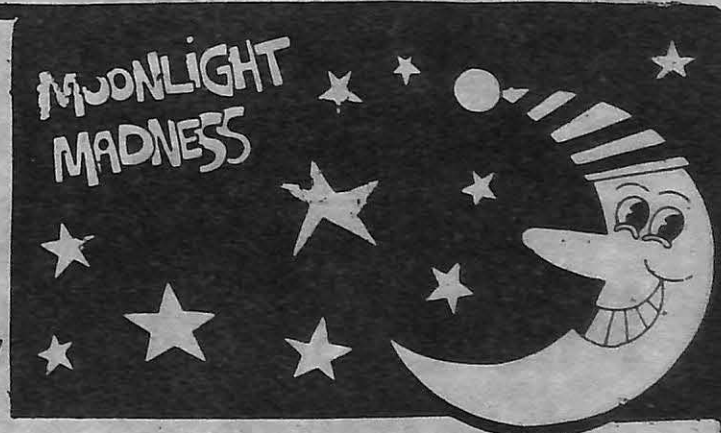
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In Tri-Parish Bowling...

Holy Cross Surges Past Boston College In Round Three

On Monday, March 22nd, Holy Cross managed to become the sole occupant of the first-place position in round three of the Tri-Parish Bowling League. By the end of this particular evening, HC chalked up an impressive record of 22.5-9.5., thereby surpassing Boston College (21.5-10.5) — a team which had shared the title of "numero uno" with HC for the past couple of weeks.

However, as has been evident on a weekly basis in this ever-exciting round, holding onto first place in this league has been like riding a bucking bronco at a rodeo, and (lest we forget) a number of teams have landed on their proverbially backsides after reaching the pinnacle of the standings. In fact, it was just two short weeks earlier (on Monday, March 8th) that St. Louis was locked in a three-way tie for first with Holy Cross and Boston College, and now St. Lou has slipped to third (18.5-13.5).

In the meantime, Fordham is currently in fourth with a 16.5-15.5 record, followed by St. Anselm's (15-17), St. Michael's (14.5-17.5), St. Mary's (14-18), Catholic University (13.5-18.5), and Georgetown (12.5-19.5).

And, of course, Notre Dame (10.5-21.5) remains in last place in this round. Yet, to give credit where credit is due, the folks on the ND team did redeem themselves to a certain extent on March 22nd by defeating Georgetown, 2.5-1.5.

As for the other matches, St. Mary's thumped St. Louis, 3-1; Holy Cross downed Catholic University, 3-1; Fordham tied Boston College, 2-2; and St. Michael's sent St. Anselm's packing, courtesy of a 3-1 drubbing.

Regarding the individual bowlers, RON "The Don" MENARD was the roller for the men with a 176 single string and a 385 triple string. His closest competitor was DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (154 single, 351 triple).

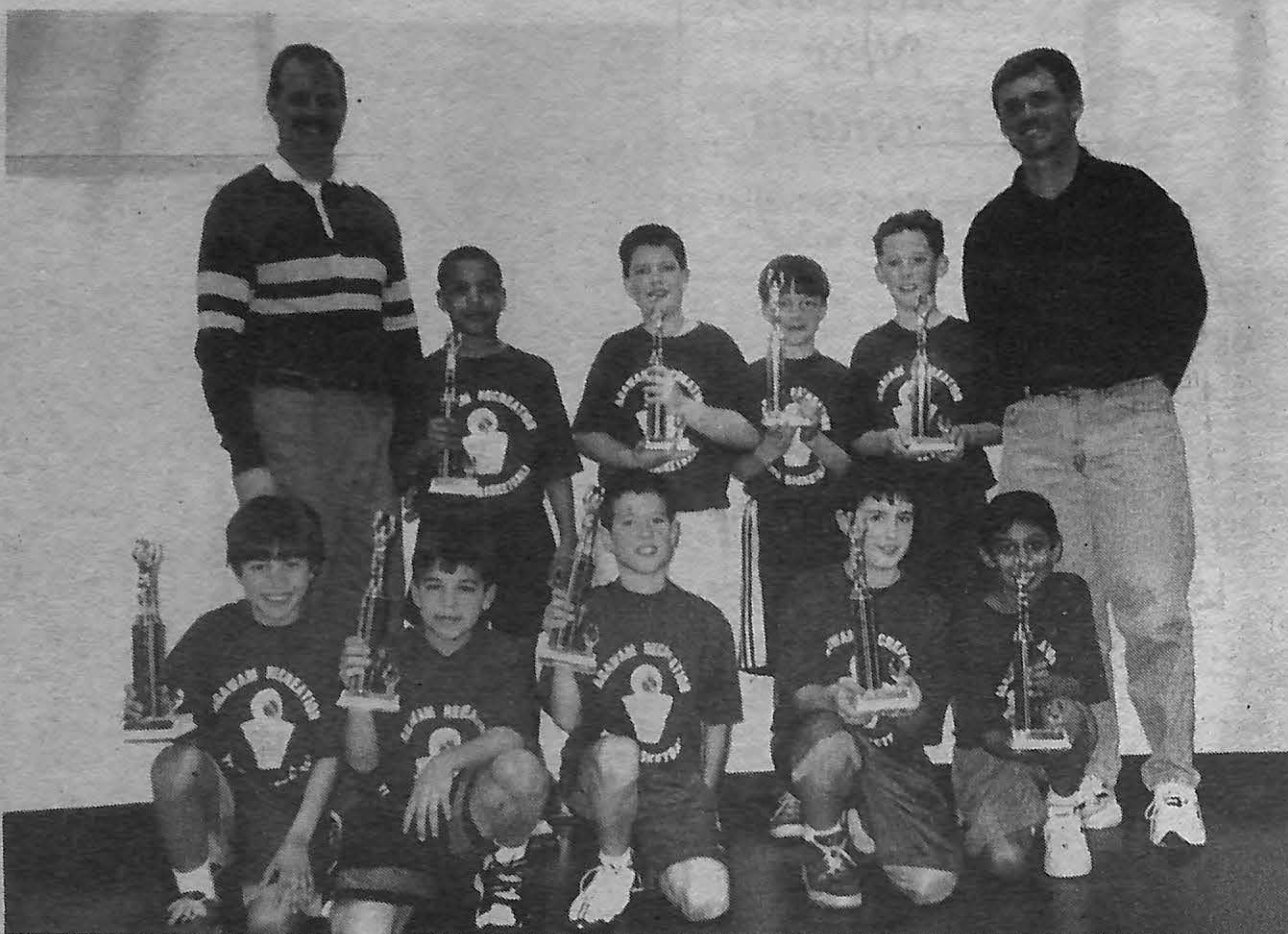
Other impressive performances by the guys were turned in by "Jolly" OLLY MULDER (114, 336), "Richy" RICH SNYDER (117, 332), BILL "Not Black And Blue" GRAY (119, 330), "Rough And Ready" RAY SCOTT (120, 322), and "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (122, 311).

"Testy" BETSY CANNON (125 single string, 333 triple string) had a top-notch night on the lanes for the ladies, as did "Go With The" FLO ROCHFORD (119 single, 321 triple), BARBARA "BJ" JOSEPHSON (125, 319), "Juicy" LUCY MENARD (114, 315), JAN "Not The Man" FULLER (118, 298), BARBARA "Barb Wire" HOWARD (119, 295), and MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (106, 293).

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If you want to know all about the ups and downs in the Tri-Parish Bowling League, be sure to check our "Sports" section...

Parks & Rec. 3rd/4th Grade League Champs



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE champions of the third- and fourth-grade boys' basketball league (sponsored by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department). Back row: Coach Steve McKeever, Jonathan Melendez, Patrick McKeever, Dan Vershon, Brian Foley, and Coach Jim Foley. Front row: Russell Waller, Nick Grasetti, Geoff Trexler, Deven Gardner, and Neil Patel.

Pepsi 200 Has Been Rescheduled For April 18th At Riverside

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Pepsi 200 has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 18th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The field was set during Saturday's Bud Pole qualifying rounds, and Riverside Park Speedway's Pro Stock, Truck, Sportsman, and Super Stock divisions will also compete following the conclusion of the Pepsi 200 on April 18th.

All tickets and pit passes purchased on March 27th or March 28th will be honored on April 18th. The pit area will open at 8:00 a.m. and the grandstands will open at 10:00 a.m.

Fifty-one Featherlite Modified Series teams took part in Saturday's qualifying rounds, led by five-time Riverside Park track champion Bob Polverari, who captured the Bud Pole Award with a lap of 12.423 seconds (72.446 mph). The 28-car

field will line up as they were set to take the green flag on March 28th, and Featherlite Modified Series teams will also be allowed a brief practice session before the race.

Riverside Park Speedway begins its 51st season on Saturday, April 10th. The NAPA Modified division, featuring full-scale "tour-type" NASCAR Modifieds, will headline the event with a 50-lap feature, along with the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks, Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, and the Sportsman divisions.

On April 10th, the Pit Area will open at 11:00 a.m. and there will be a practice session beginning at 1:00 p.m. Grandstands will open at 3:45 p.m. and qualifying races begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Outdoors New England

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Outdoor Writer

Fishing Time

Well, after a long winter, it's time to fish! Valley lakes and ponds have shed their layers of ice, the temperature is warming, and the fishing action is getting hot.

Bass are hitting slow-moving crank baits and jerk baits in the lakes, and the smallmouth on the river are starting to cooperate.

CLUB NEWS

The MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB announced that the Annual Mawaga Lunker Derby will take place Sunday, April 11th, at the club pond from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Some super-large trout will be stocked for this event.

The \$15 tickets are available in advance from Ernie Leithoff at 40 Oakridge Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or at the club on the day of the event.

Here is a chance to have the whole family enjoying some quality fishing for some jumbo trout. Sounds like a great time!

The PIONEER VALLEY BOAT AND SURF CLUB will present a video/slide presentation and seminar on Tuesday, April 6th, at the Agawam Sportsman's Club on Corey Street.

The program will feature Capt. Bill Brown of BILLFISH CHARTERS. Bill will be giving a splendid "how to" presentation covering Stripers, Blues, Tuna, Cod, and Shark fishing. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

This program is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. For more information, contact Dave Casinghino at (413) 789-1505.

SALTWATER SCENE

Offshore cod trips are taking larger fish and in somewhat greater numbers. Trips to Cashes Ledge and offshore wrecks are producing for party boat fishermen when the weather permits the boats to go out.

Reports are coming in of some cod being taken off of the BB buoy offshore from Chatham and Welfleet.

Flounder action should start to pick up in the coming weeks. Be sure to check the regulations of the state whose waters you will be fishing in! There may be some changes on size and bag limits.

Schoolie stripers are showing up at the mouth of the Connecticut River and upstream as well. Flat-head bucktail jigs dressed with a pork rind trailer, fished around rock piles, are taking some decent numbers of school-sized stripers, with an occasional larger fish mixed in.

The Thames River continues to produce schoolies and reports have it that some of the flyrodders are having a ball.

FRESHWATER REPORT

Valley waters are continuing to give up some nice bass. Slow-moving jerk baits seemed to be the ticket to a couple of "wall hangers" that were rumored to have come out of South Ponds at Congamond Lakes.

White perch are still in the coves and backwaters of the Connecticut River, from the mouth to Hamburg Cove upstream. The bait and wait crowd seems to be doing OK on grass shrimp, and the guys (gals) tossing jigs seem to be doing equally well. White and chartreuse seem to be the preferred colors in small twister tail grubs.

Trout fishing will probably continue to produce some nice fish, once the weather patterns stabilize. Most Valley ponds and lakes have been stocked by the Division already.

DOG NOTES AND QUOTES

The Keeper Of The Hounds (my lovely wife, Peg) would like to remind the rest of us dog owners that it's flea time again. Time to spray the yard and get the pooch to the vet for a check-up.

There are some new oral medications that the dog can take which will kill fleas and ticks. Also, this is the time to get your hunting buddy checked out for canine heartworm. Don't neglect this one! Heartworm kills and preventatives are available and easy to administer. This is one instance where an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of grief and sorrow.

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Parks & Rec. 5th/6th Grade Playoff Champs



THE FOLLOWING YOUNG BASKETBALL PLAYERS were the playoff champs for the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department's fifth- and sixth-grade boys' league. Back row - Coach Dean Mercadante, Peter Longhi, Thomas Ramah, Scott Gates, and Jeffrey Stanton. Front row - Tommy Mercadante, Matthew Niles, Richard O'Connell, Fred Fruwirth, and Nicholas Alvanos. (Missing from photo: Assistant Coach Carlos Santos and player Shawn Santos.)

Agawam Parks/Rec. Volleyball Programs

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department announces the following spring program:

Women's Volleyball will begin another session on April 5th. The program runs for six weeks on Monday evenings at the Junior High School Gym from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost of the program is \$15 (for the six weeks) or

\$3/night and is payable to the Site Supervisor.

Co-Ed Volleyball will begin another session on April 1st. The program runs for six weeks on Thursday evenings at the Agawam High School Gym from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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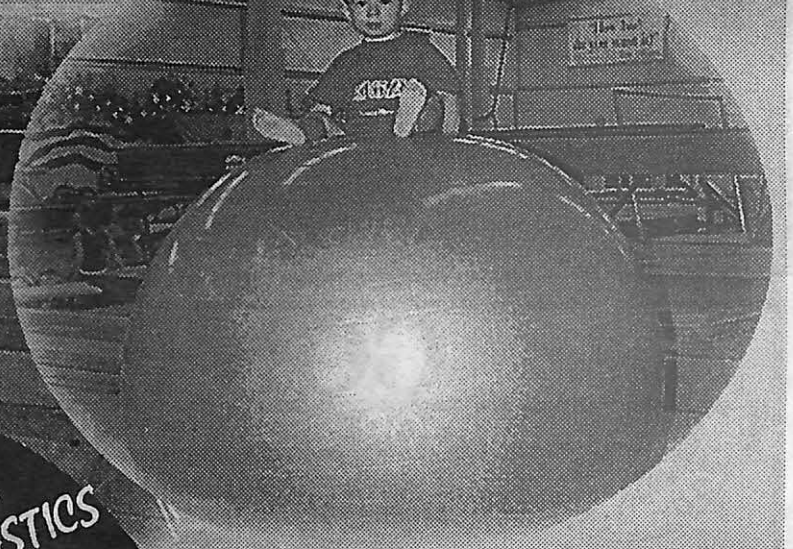
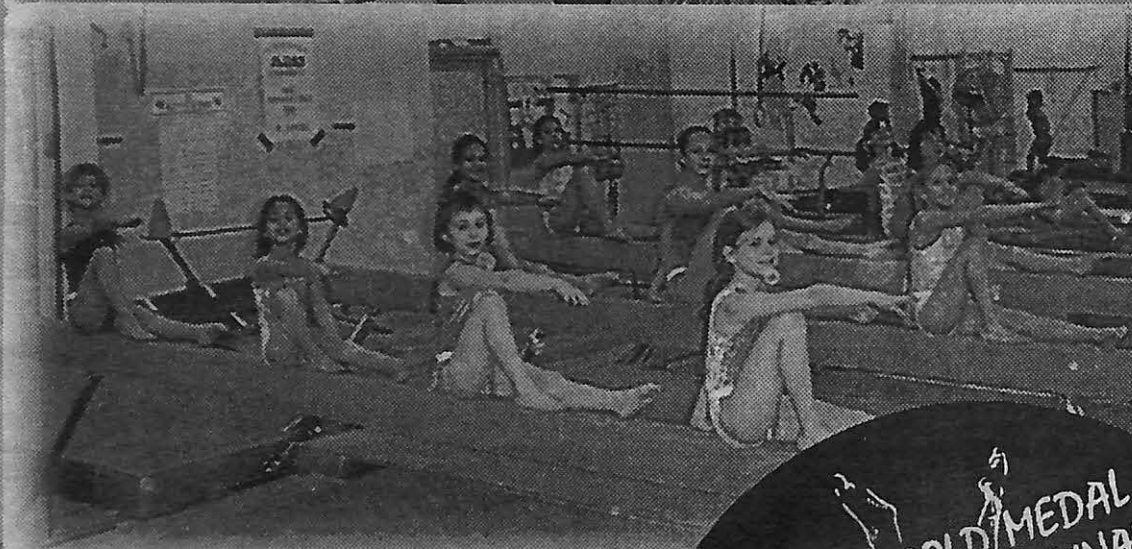
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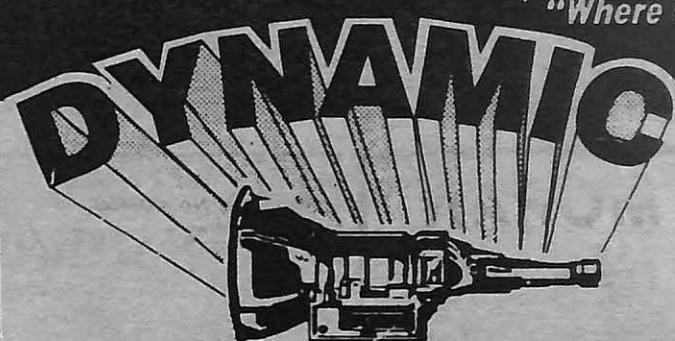


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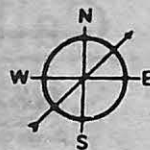
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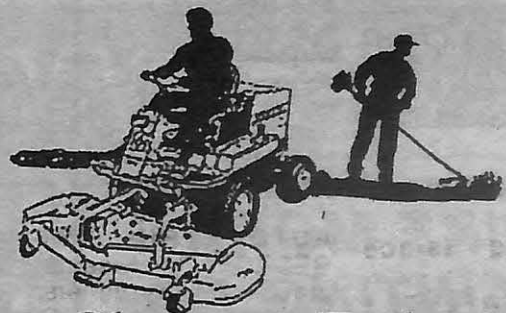
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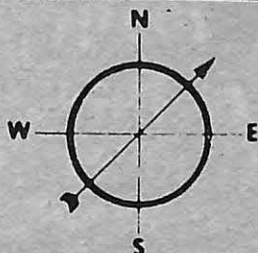
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